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OVERVIEW

THURSDAY – FEBRUARY 21, 2013

See pages 8-9 for new Youth Day schedule.

FRIDAY – FEBRUARY 22

7:30 am - 3:00 pm	On-site registration
8:30 - 9:30 am	Opening Rite & Welcome (Arena)
10:00 - 11:30 am	Period 1 Workshops
11:30 am	Ticket exchange begins
11:30 - 1:00 pm	LUNCH
11:45 - 12:30 pm	Music (Arena) – Jacob & Matthew, Danielle Rose, Noelle Garcia
	Music (Hall B) – Cliff Petty & Meredith Augustin
1:00 - 2:30 pm	Period 2 Workshops
3:00 - 4:30 pm	Period 3 Workshops
5:15 pm	Evening Prayer & Liturgies
8:00 pm	Concert (Arena) – Liam Lawton
	Film Showcase 2013
9:00 pm	Taizé

SATURDAY – FEBRUARY 23

7:30 am - 3:00 pm	On-site registration
7:50 - 8:30 am	Morning Praise
8:30 am	Keynote Address – Mark Shriver
10:00 - 11:30 am	Period 4 Workshops
11:30 - 1:00 pm	LUNCH
11:45 - 12:30 pm	Music (Arena) – Curtis Stephan, Steve Angrisano & Dan Schutte
	Music (Hall B) – Hermana Glenda
1:00 - 2:30 pm	Period 5 Workshops
3:00 - 4:30 pm	Period 6 Workshops
5:15 pm	Evening Prayer & Liturgies
7:00 - 9:00 pm	Adoration (Sacred Space)
8:00 pm	Concert (Arena) – Anna Betancourt, Donna Peña & Pedro Rubalcava
8:30 pm	Sacred Illuminations 2013
9:00 pm - 12 mid	Young Adult Dance (Marriott)

SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 24

8:00 - 11:00 am	On-site registration
8:00 - 9:30 am	Eucharistic Liturgy (Arena)
8:30 am	Morning Address: English: Sr. Maureen Sullivan Spanish: Luis Benavides
10:00 - 11:30 am	Period 7 Workshops
11:30 - 1:00 pm	LUNCH
11:45 - 12:30 pm	Music (Arena) – Santiago Fernández, Donna Peña, Rafael Moreno
	Music (Hall B) – Grayson Warren Brown
1:00 - 2:30 pm	Period 8 Workshops
3:30 pm	Closing Eucharistic Liturgy (Arena)



2013 THEME REFLECTION

Morning dawns and we awake to the wonder of God within us, around us and beyond us. We Enter the Mystery of the One who creates a world brimming with life and vitality; gifts us with Jesus and promises to remain with us through the power of the Spirit – source of love and spark of God.

Jesus – the climax of God’s self-giving and the reflection of God’s glory comes to renew, fulfill and draw us into the mystery of our own deepest yearnings – our longing for God. Yet, we can miss these stirrings, this visitation as the poet Elizabeth Barrett Browning so aptly proclaims:

Earth’s crammed with heaven,
And every common bush afire with God,
But only he who sees takes off his shoes;
The rest sit around it and pluck blackberries.

The theme “Enter the Mystery” bids us to look with new eyes and discover God’s creative presence woven into the fabric of our rich Faith story: our beliefs, our rituals and our great spiritual traditions.

We likewise pause to marvel at the mystery of ourselves created in the image and likeness of God and called now to mirror this divine essence spilled out for all of creation.

WHAT IS THE RECONGRESS?

The Los Angeles Religious Education Congress is the largest event of its kind in the United States. It has continued its original objective of offering in-service education and spiritual formation to those in catechetical and related ministries. Though the Religious Education Congress continues to serve religious educators, today **it is so much more!** Congress now draws in excess of 40,000 participants during this internationally acclaimed four-day event and offers more than 280 workshops covering a vast range of topics from spirituality, music and personal development to biblical studies and catechesis.

Register now for this spirit-filled and enriching weekend! You can use the Registration Form on the **inside back cover** or, with the added incentive of using your credit card, you can register online at www.RECongress.org.

RECONGRESS LOCATION & COST

RECongress is held at the Anaheim Convention Center, located at 800 West Katella Avenue in Anaheim, Calif., directly south of Disneyland and Disney’s California Adventure.

COST: The registration fee for Congress covers admission to all events, workshops (tickets are required), concerts, liturgies and exhibits (name badges required) throughout the three days. Fees for the Congress days are:

\$65 – by January 4, 2013 deadline

\$75 – after January 4, 2013

NOTE: If you have not registered online or mailed in your Registration Form by February 7, 2013, please register on site.

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- Daily schedule, workshops and highlights of RECongress
- Maps to the Anaheim Convention Center, Exhibit Hall A, hotel workshops and Anaheim-area restaurants
- Exhibitor listings and categories
- Office of Religious Education staff and program offerings
- Tech Center schedule
- Workshop Recording Form
- Restaurant guide information
- Endowment Fund "Thank You"

WELCOME

ENTER THE MYSTERY OF ...



... the RECongress, the largest annual gathering of its kind in the world. Congress opens on Thursday with a day-long event for high school youth, and the remaining three-day weekend is open to adults and young adults and offers more than 200 speakers presenting over 300 workshops, in addition to lunchtime and evening entertainment, liturgies, the Exhibit Hall and much more!

ANAHEIM The Anaheim Convention Center has been home to the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress since 1970, when it made its move to the area that was part of the Los Angeles Archdiocese.



SPEAKERS Over the four days, Congress 2013 offers 310 workshops presented by over 185 speakers, with topics ranging from personal growth to music to spiritual topics – offered in three languages: English, Spanish and Vietnamese. And our featured Keynote (in English) is on Saturday with our Sunday Addresses in English and Spanish.

ENTERTAINMENT Admission to Congress includes both free lunchtime and evening concerts – ranging from contemporary Christian music to the leading Latino composers and artists, in addition to our Friday evening Film Showcase and our Young Adult events on Saturday.



SACRED SPACE In addition to the chapel, Eucharistic Adoration, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and a labyrinth, Sacred Space will display art works from a variety of artists. There will also be times that musicians will be on hand to help provide a calm and prayerful environment.

FILM SHOWCASE This year's Film Showcase, in partnership with Loyola Marymount University, presents excerpts from a number of feature films, shorts, documentaries, experimental and animated films, whose thematic elements are grounded in Catholic social teaching, justice, ministry, spirituality and theology. Filmmakers will be present to meet with audience members. *(Friday evening)*



SACRED ILLUMINATIONS A perennial feature at Congress is Sacred Illuminations, a mystical choreography of light and sound. Incorporating her newest liturgical and fine art photography and reflections, Sister Rose Marie Tulacz, SND will bring us deeper in surrender to the care and to the heart of God. Come reflect and pray. *(Saturday evening.)*

EXHIBIT HALL One of the perks of registering for Congress is the Exhibit Hall – showcasing over 250 companies as exhibitors and ranging from religious art to music, from publishing houses to educational institutions, in addition to our own archdiocesan ministries.



<http://RECongress.org>

General Info

YOUTH DAY Held on Thursday, this day-long event for high school youth is an opportunity for students – from throughout the western states – to come together and share in a mix of workshops, liturgies, rallies and high energy. (See pages 7-15.)

RECONGRESS.ORG On our Web site, you can find photos and videos from past Congresses. Our Congress photographer, George Westlund, has been capturing the event since Congress 2006. And catch the videos from past Youth Days and Congress – all online at www.RECongress.org.



Youth Day
<http://RECongress.org/YD>

ART EXHIBIT Last year RECongress featured The Saint John's Bible – the first handwritten and illuminated Bible commissioned in 500 years that took 12 years to complete. The final volume, "Letters and Revelation," was on display at Congress 2012. (Arena Lobby)

LITURGIES Congress annually offers a number of liturgies of different character. Congress 2013 offers 16 Eucharistic Liturgies of different character, including Celtic, Eastern Rite, Filipino, Gospel, Spanish/Mayan, Young Adult, Hawaiian, Nigerian and Vietnamese – as well as evening prayer and a Taizé service. (See page 22.)



YouTube.com/RECongress

HALL EVENTS One of the liveliest locations of Congress is our Exhibit Hall, with numerous simultaneous events. Be sure to check out what is going on in the **ORE Booth** throughout the weekend. The Office of Religious Education Staff Booth has contacts you can make, resources you can use, and prizes you can win! Again this year, Hall A is the location for Friday's **Archbishop Chat**, where Los Angeles Archbishop José Gomez conducts an online chat session. Also, Sirius/XM Radio's "**Busted Halo**" Catholic program returns to broadcast live from Congress with host Fr. Dave Dwyer on Saturday and Sunday. (Exhibit Hall A)



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Asterisks indicate recorded workshops. "YD" denotes a Youth Day workshop. "Key" indicates the Saturday Keynote or Sunday morning addresses.

Workshops are designated by two numbers separated by a dash. The first number indicates the period; the number after the dash is the workshop number. Workshop numbers -01 to -30 are in English; -50 to -58 are in Spanish; and -70 is in Vietnamese.

You can check our site on the Web at www.RECongress.org for updates – or sign up for our E-Mailing Updates filled with important information.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

Dear Congress Participant,

It is with joy that I welcome you to this year's Religious Education Congress. In this Year of Faith, this Congress gives us a new chance to go deeper in our conversion to Jesus Christ and our commitment to our ministry of evangelization and catechesis.

The theme for this year's Congress, "**Enter the Mystery**," is drawn from the Gospel account of Jesus' Transfiguration, which is proclaimed each year in our liturgy on the second Sunday of Lent. The Transfiguration reveals Jesus Christ to be the fulfillment of the promises of salvation history – the "beloved Son" of God and the One to whom we must listen. And it also reminds us that we are called to Enter the Mystery of God's presence among us – in the community of faith that gathers in Word and Sacrament and in our own lives and ministries.

I am grateful and encouraged that so many of you take advantage of the many opportunities the Congress provides for faith formation, enrichment and networking. Your leadership and participation is vital to the ongoing spiritual renewal and well-being of our parish communities and the New Evangelization of our society and culture.

Please be assured of my continuing support and encouragement as you dedicate your time and energy to this most important catechetical ministry.

I pray that Our Lady of the Angels may always intercede for you and your family.

+ José H. Gomez
 Most Rev. José H. Gomez
 Archbishop of Los Angeles

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

As we celebrate the Year of Faith, it is especially a great joy for me to welcome all of you to Congress 2013. These graced days will allow all of us the opportunity to deepen our own faith life and to renew our dedication to sharing the Good News.

The theme, "Enter the Mystery," bids us to look with "new eyes" and discover God's creative presence woven into the fabric of our rich faith story: our beliefs, our rituals and our great spiritual traditions.

We are very pleased with the quality and quantity of our workshops, keynotes, and valuable resources available throughout the weekend. The opportunity to be enriched by our gifted national and international speakers is grace in abundance. Always blessed with the multicultural reality of Southern California, Congress offers many opportunities to experience the richness of our diverse community of faith.

The inspirational liturgical celebrations and creative entertainment provided will definitely lift our hearts and renew our spirits. In the midst of the many activities, there is also opportunity to step aside and rest in the beauty and quiet of Sacred Space, walk the labyrinth or participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Again, a big thanks for your leadership and for your untiring dedication to saying "yes" to passing our rich faith story.

I look forward to welcoming you.

Sr. Edith Prendergast, RSC
 Sr. Edith Prendergast, RSC
 Director, Office Religious Education





A MESSAGE FROM THE CONGRESS COORDINATORS

Dear Friends:

As Co-Coordiators, we have the tremendous joy of welcoming you to the 2013 Religious Education Congress, with our theme, "Enter the Mystery."

Our weekend promises to be intriguing, beginning with the vitality of Youth Day, and continuing with outstanding workshops, lunchtime and evening concert entertainment, art and multicultural exhibits and a wonderful variety of liturgies and prayer services offering opportunities for prayer and reflection. Sacred Space will again be available for time of quiet and renewal. As always, Congress is a wonderful opportunity to renew friendships and meet new people from all over the world at this international gathering.

Be sure to spend time in the Exhibit Hall, which offers a significant variety of resources and company representatives on hand for personalized service.

Workshop descriptions and event listings, housing information, mail-in and online registration instruction are included in this Registration Guidebook and updated regularly on our Web site at www.RECongress.org. Additional information can be obtained by email at congress@la-archdiocese.org or by calling the Congress Office at 213-637-7346. Remember, our event can also be viewed via our live stream at www.RECongress.org/LIVE.

We look forward to seeing you at RECongress, as together we Enter the Mystery of all that our weekend has to offer.

Paulette Smith
Event Coordinator

Jan Pedroza
Program Coordinator



1962 – At early "Institutes," workshops met in classrooms on campus at Immaculate Heart College in Los Angeles.



1962 – Los Angeles Cardinal James McIntyre celebrates Mass in the chapel at Immaculate Heart College.

THE EARLY HISTORY OF CONGRESS

The origins of the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress spring from the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, popularly known as CCD, a ministry that actually began in Los Angeles in 1922 under Bishop John Cantwell. Over the years, the number of students grew in the program and by 1937 the program was so successful that a full-time director was needed to run the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.

In 1956, the first CCD "institute" was held for teachers and catechists of the program. Some 500 attended the two-day conference at Mount Carmel High School on Hoover Street in Los Angeles. In 1957, the event at Bishop Conaty Catholic Girls High School saw attendance double. In subsequent years attendance continued to increase at Loyola University; and culminated with over 4,000 attending the event at Immaculate Heart College by 1960.

In 1967, with the cooperation of the dioceses of Monterey-Fresno and San Diego, the agenda for the first three-day "Congress" was set. The purpose was "to provide an atmosphere of Christian unity...for the benefit of each and the common good of all mankind." It was January 13-15, 1967 that the first "Southern California Confraternity Congress" was held at the LAX-area International Hotel. It was in 1971 that the first Youth Rally was held, which set the pattern for today's Youth Day.

Read about the Congress Milestones online at www.RECongress.org/ccd-rec.htm

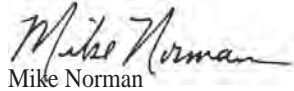
A MESSAGE FROM THE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

It is with great joy that I welcome you to register for Youth Day 2013. This annual event welcomes over 14,000 high school students and adults to the Anaheim Convention Center for a day of celebrating our Catholic faith through the awesome community gathered and in the rich traditions of our Church experienced during our time together. Youth Day is an incredible example of the New Evangelization that our Holy Father invites us to embrace in this Year of Faith. This is also echoed in our wonderful theme “**Keep Calm – God’s Got This!**” This theme is a reminder of the unending love of our God that is showered upon us constantly – encouraging us to rely on God’s strength at all times.

The Youth Day Coordinating Team – a group made up of young people and adults from across the Archdiocese – is busy planning an exciting and Spirit-filled day for every participant. We hope you will take the time to download our wonderful iPhone App to get an advanced look of what our event has to offer this year and to keep updated on any new information. You’ll also notice that the following pages in this guidebook give you tips on how to prepare young people for this great day, as well as instructions for registration. Please remember the structure of Youth Day has changed and it impacts the way you register your group.

Our team looks forward to celebrating with you at Youth Day 2013. Thank you for your willingness to share this great day with the young people at your parish or school. As you prepare, please remember “Keep Calm – God’s Got This!”


Mike Norman

Associate Director
Office of Religious Education



Youth Day

REMEMBER THE NEW YOUTH DAY FORMAT

We are excited about the new format for Youth Day that began last year. The new structure consists of two separate Tracks (1 & 2) that allow all participants to experience specific events in the fun-filled Arena. Every participant of Youth Day 2013 will get the chance to celebrate liturgy with Archbishop José Gomez, hear our featured speaker Fr. Tony Ricard, and experience a rousing rally in the Anaheim Convention Center. Track 1 participants will be in the Arena from 8 am until 11:45 am and Track 2 participants will be in the Arena from 12:15 pm until 3:45 pm. This is a wonderful way for everyone to participate in this favorite part of our Youth Day fun. **PLEASE REMEMBER** that all participants will line up outside to enter the Arena for both tracks! Follow signs and instructions that day to get your group in place!

Please note that when you register (using the form from this Guidebook or online), you will be asked to name the specific track you would like to attend. Make sure you review the schedules listed on the following pages and pick the outline that best serves your particular group. It is important that participants realize that with the new format no one will be able to stay in the Arena for the entire day. If you choose Track 1 you will be asked to clear out of the Arena after the morning liturgy and if you choose Track 2 you will not be allowed into the Arena until after lunch (but can line up in advance outside the main Arena doors). This new schedule is very exciting because it allows everyone to participate in the Arena activities. Each group will still choose a second workshop (along with a back-up choice) to attend in the Convention Center. Those workshops will still be offered both in the morning and afternoon. Please check out the following pages for details about the workshops.

TRACK 1

8:00 AM – Arena Rally

For those registered for Track 1, the excitement of Youth Day 2013 begins in the Arena with an energetic Rally. **The Jacob and Matthew Band** will be on hand to get the day started with music, followed by young people from the Los Angeles Archdiocese leading us in prayer and other fun activities.



ARENA WORKSHOP

Immediately following the rally, Track 1 participants will remain in the Arena and will be inspired by our featured speaker, **Fr. Tony Ricard**. Fr. Tony will be sharing his thoughts on how we can stay faithful in all that we do and remind us to “Keep Calm – God’s Got This.” Fr. Tony comes to us from New Orleans and will be sharing his humor and powerful insights!



ARENA EUCHARISTIC LITURGY

The last Arena event for Track 1 participants will be a Spirit-filled liturgy with **Archbishop José Gomez** presiding. The music will be led by an Archdiocesan Youth Choir under the direction of Ed Archer from St. Monica Parish in Santa Monica.



11:45 AM – Lunch

Following the Eucharistic celebration, Track 1 participants are invited to enjoy lunch with old and new friends. There will be many places throughout the Convention Center and outside for purchasing food.

1:00 PM – Convention Workshops

Track 1 participants will be able to attend one of the 12 workshops that will inspire and challenge them in new ways. These workshops are all offered in the meeting rooms of the Convention Center. We suggest that you share the list of speakers with your young people and allow them to choose (in groups of 10 with a chaperone) those topics that interest them. Please review the listings on the following pages.

2:30 PM – Closing Sessions

Youth Day 2013 ends for Track 1 participants with energetic Closing Sessions in either the Convention Center Ballroom or Hall B. Musical artists **Noelle Garcia, Jesse Manibusan**, and others will be performing for the events during this time. Young people from across the Archdiocese and beyond will be helping us to close out our day with much excitement.



3:45 PM – Dismissal

After being reminded to “Keep Calm – God’s Got This,” participants will be sent out to share the Good News with others – in our parishes, our schools, our homes, and the entire world.

TO HELP PREPARE FOR THE DAY

YOUTH DAY 2013 READINGS OF THE DAY

Youth Day 2013 takes place on Thursday of the First Week of Lent. We hope you will use the readings of the day as you prepare young people for our great event!

First Reading: Esther C: 12, 14-16, 23-25

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8

Gospel: Matthew 7: 7-12

THEME REFLECTION

“KEEP CALM – GOD’S GOT THIS”

The readings for Youth Day are a direct invitation for each of us and they are full of wonderful action words to emphasize this point – ASK, SEEK, KNOCK! They seem to call us each to step out of our comfort zone and be the person that God truly longs for us to be. But they also have words of support and comfort, “...how much more will your heavenly father give good things to those who ask him.” We are not left alone. We are surrounded by a loving God that supports us on our faith journey – even as we are asked to look deep into our hearts and find those places where the Good News of Jesus Christ has not yet penetrated our thoughts and actions.

This is what the New Evangelization and the Year of Faith are all about – finding that the love of God sustains us as we look for new ways to share and be Christ for others. We are reminded to “Keep Calm – God’s Got This.” With God’s strength we are fortified to ask the hard questions of ourselves and others, we are challenged to seek new ways to bring the loving message of Jesus Christ to those who have not heard or have forgotten, and we are supported as we knock on doors of injustice and intolerance, reminding people that our Gospel values should always lead us.

We are also reminded that we do not make this journey alone. God surrounds us with our local communities so that we are continually encouraged as we grow in our faith. We are also blessed by the larger Church community – sometimes a much needed sign of thousands of other faithful people struggling and celebrating in the same way we do! This is the great gift of Youth Day! It is that ‘jolt’ of reassurance that comes with the Spirit of the day. It is something that helps us to “Keep Calm” and to remember that no matter what comes, “God’s Got This!”

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Youth Day staff invites any adult not chaperoning a group from a parish or school to be a volunteer for our event. Youth Day volunteers are assigned to a variety of positions throughout the day and it is a great way to enjoy our event for free. To volunteer for Youth Day 2013 an adult needs to have been trained in accordance with their Diocesan Youth Protection policies and have had the appropriate diocesan required background check. Please contact your Diocesan Youth Ministry Office to find out more details about your required programs. For more information about volunteering or to submit your name to be part of our team, please contact Erin Avila at emavila@sbcglobal.net or at (559) 259-8232. This is a great way to experience Youth Day without the duties of being a chaperone. Come join the fun! We need you.

YOUTH DAY COLLECTION

In an effort to enhance the work of the Office of Religious Education in developing youth leaders across the Archdiocese and to support the work of other key organizations, there will be a collection during liturgies at Youth Day. We will use some of this money to help young people who need assistance to attend programs at the local, regional and national levels. We also share part of the collection with a different organization each year, and for 2013 we have chosen the Mission Doctors Association’s “One Million Patients Project” (www.onemillionpatients.org). We ask that you share this information with participants coming to Youth Day and emphasize how their contributions can continue the formation, education and quality of life for others. Thank you in advance.



YOUTH DAY REGISTRATION GUIDELINES

All high school students (9th -12th grades ONLY) are invited to register for Youth Day. Students must register with an adult Chaperone who will be attending with the group. Two adult Chaperones must accompany the first group of 1-10 youth and then one additional adult must be added with each additional group of 1-10 youth. Chaperones are required to stay with their group of youth throughout the entire day. Each group chooses Track 1 or Track 2 (Arena access allowed only during assigned times), and then selects the Convention Center workshop of their choice. Convention Center Workshops will be offered twice – once in the morning and once in the afternoon – so everyone gets a chance to participate. We try to accommodate first choices for workshops, but sometimes they fill up and we must move you to your second choice.

NOTE: YOUTH DAY OFTEN FILLS UP CLOSE TO THE JANUARY DATE FOR THE FEE INCREASE. Please understand that there is a limit to the number of people that we can allow into the event. If Youth Day fills to capacity prior to the February cut-off date, we will close the day and return your registration. Please try to register as soon as possible. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, but please understand that there are no exceptions.

TRACK 2

8:00 AM – Opening Sessions

For those registered for Track 2, the excitement of Youth Day 2013 begins with the opportunity to experience one of two energetic Opening Sessions offered in the Convention Center. Hall B will welcome **Jesse Manibusan** and band, while the Grand Ballroom on the third floor will host **Noelle Garcia** and band. Young people from across the Archdiocese will also be part of these great events. We are welcome to attend either of these high-energy sessions.



9:30 AM – Convention Workshops

After the Opening Sessions, Track 2 participants will be able to attend one of the 12 workshops that will inspire and challenge them in new ways. These workshops are all offered in the meeting rooms of the Convention Center. We suggest that you share the list of speakers with your young people and allow them to choose (in groups of 10 with a chaperone) those topics that interest them. Please review the listing on the following pages.

11:00 AM – Lunch

Following the workshops, Track 2 participants are invited to enjoy lunch with old and new friends. There are places throughout the Convention Center for purchasing food. The Arena will open for Track 2 participants at 11:45 am. Everyone will need to enter through the main Arena glass doors near the fountain, and may line up early. There will be seats for everyone – so enjoy lunch!

12:15 PM – Arena Rally

For Track 2, the excitement of Youth Day 2013 continues in the Arena with an energetic rally. **The Jacob and Matthew Band** will be on hand to get everyone energized with music, followed by young people from the Archdiocese leading us in prayer and other fun activities.



ARENA WORKSHOP

Immediately following the rally, Track 2 participants will remain in the Arena to be inspired by our featured speaker, **Fr. Tony Ricard**. Fr. Tony will be sharing his thoughts on how we can stay faithful and “Keep Calm – God’s Got This.” Fr. Tony comes from New Orleans and will be sharing his humor and powerful insights!



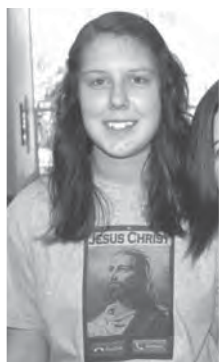
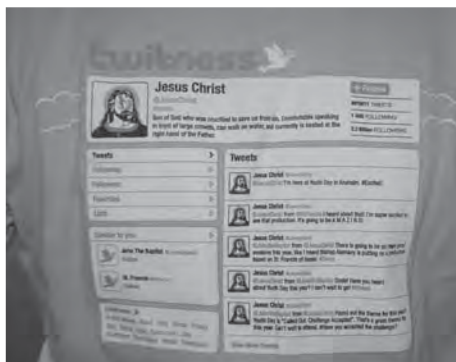
ARENA EUCHARISTIC LITURGY

Youth Day ends for Track 2 participants with a Spirit-filled liturgy presided by our own Los Angeles **Archbishop José Gomez**. The music will be led by an Archdiocesan Youth Choir and instrumentalists under the direction of Ed Archer from St. Monica’s Parish in Santa Monica.



3:45 PM – Dismissal

After being reminded to “**Keep Calm – God’s Got This,**” participants will be sent out to share the Good News!



ARENA WORKSHOP

Everyone will see our Arena speaker. You can choose your Convention Workshop from the remaining 12 speakers.

FIRM IN FAITH: I SAY YES, MY LORD

God calls each of us to link our lives with Him as we face the struggles and challenges of our days. Through the waters of baptism and the strength of Eucharist, we are given the necessary tools to stand firm in our faith. "Put on the armor provided by God, so that you are able to stand firm against the power of darkness," says Ephesians 6:7. This fun and interactive workshop will help you to say "Yes, My Lord" to the call to be faithful disciples.



Rev. R. Tony Ricard, MTh, MDiv

Fr. Tony Ricard, a priest of the New Orleans Archdiocese, currently serves as Director of Campus Ministry and Development Director for St. Augustine High School in New Orleans. He is also Director of Knight Time Ministries and Chief Editor for Two Knights Publishing Co. Fr. Ricard is a native of New Orleans and a former public school teacher. He has authored many books and has given keynote addresses, retreats, revivals and youth talks across the nation and has preached in 20 countries.

A IT'S ALL GOOD IN GOD'S HOUSE! ACCEPTANCE OF OTHERS AND OURSELVES

What does it mean to be a "Child of God"? How are we supposed to treat one another, especially those who are "different" from us? Is God speaking to us through others? How are we called to love ourselves? These and other questions will be explored during this workshop.



Ansel J. Augustine, MPS

Ansel Augustine is Associate Director and Coordinator of Black Youth and Young Adult Ministry for Catholic Youth Organization's Office of the New Orleans Archdiocese. He is on the faculty at the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University of Louisiana, where he also works with Campus Ministry. Augustine has published several articles related to ministry and has keynoted and presented workshops at youth rallies and conferences around the country, including as MC at the National Black Catholic Congress XI.

B FORGIVING AND BEGIN FORGIVEN

Is there a grudge that you are holding on to? Have you been betrayed, hurt or abandoned and still feel angry about the situation? Or have you done something to God, yourself or someone else that you just can't forgive yourself for? Come learn the healing power of forgiveness and sing, pray, laugh with Jackie Francois.



Jackie Francois

Jackie Francois is a singer, songwriter, guitarist, speaker and youth minister from Placentia, Calif. In 2006, she served as Youth Minister for Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Ventura; a year later she returned to Placentia to begin full-time music ministry at retreats and youth conferences. Francois has performed at many major Catholic and interfaith events including World Youth Day 2000 in Rome. She is currently a host for Spiritandsong's "The Commons" webcast and their Perfect Playlist Podcasts.

C LISTENING TO GOD’S VOICE: DISCERNMENT

Fr. Rob Galea

Wouldn't it be great to hear God speak? Who to date? What to do with my future? How to be an instrument of God in this world? But God *does* speak! He *is* talking! Come join Fr. Rob Galea as we discover how to recognize God's voice.



Fr. Rob Galea

Singer/songwriter Fr. Rob Galea serves in Shepparton, Victoria, Australia. In addition to his series of recordings and four CD releases, he has also written a number of songs for various campaigns and international conferences. Fr. Galea is co-founder of the youth program “Stronger,” and has appeared on several TV and radio shows in Malta, Canada and Australia and at the past two World Youth Days.

D CLICK YOUR HEELS AND SAY, “THERE’S NO PLACE LIKE MASS” (HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF MASS)

ValLimar Jansen

Are you tired of hearing: “You get out of Mass whatever you put into Mass”? Really? Well, what can we do, on a weekly basis, to get more out of Mass? Every time we participate at Mass, we prepare to go on a journey. We are formed and transformed. Want to know what to do to experience transformation? Through prayer, Scripture, storytelling, song and movement, ValLimar Jansen will invite us to explore various ways to make the most of Mass and to go forth to love and serve the Lord. We are ready to Enter the Mystery.



ValLimar Jansen

ValLimar Jansen serves the Church as a composer, singer, storyteller, inspirational speaker and evangelizer. She has served as a college/university professor, a leader of worship and prayer, and a workshop presenter at conferences across the United States and abroad. Jansen won UNITY Awards for her solo albums “You Gotta Move” and “Anointing,” and she and her husband, Frank, performed at the Loreto/Angora International Papal Event in Italy. Her latest CD is entitled “Give God The Glory” and her book is expected to be released at the 2013 L.A. Congress.

E SET THE WORLD ON FIRE ... WITHOUT GETTING ARRESTED

There are so many people who look in the mirror every day and think that they have nothing to offer. What they don't realize is that they have a unique gift from God that can change lives and set the world on fire! Come join Paul J. Kim for a workshop filled with live beatboxing music, comedy and a powerful message that will kick-start your life!



Paul J. Kim

Paul Kim has been a professional speaker, musician and recording artist for the past five years. He has performed at Catholic Underground across the country and England, and has been the keynote speaker at diocesan youth events. The former youth minister has worked in the New York Archdiocese and the Diocese of Orange, Calif., where he now works as a marriage and family therapist intern. As a recording artist, Kim has released two albums: “Run Fly Fall” in 2010, and his second album was released in 2012.





H TRUSTING GOD AND OTHERS

“Trust, huh, what is it good for? Absolutely everything!” Come laugh and learn as we delve into what it means to trust not only God but everyone else who isn’t the Big Guy.



Judy McDonald

Judy McDonald has been a professional comedienne for the past 18 years. She formerly served as a Youth Minister for the San Diego Diocese and as a Residential Minister at the University of San Diego. For the past seven years McDonald has been in full-time traveling ministry, with shows for military bases in Germany, Italy and Belgium. She is in great demand at parishes and conferences across the United States and internationally, including Ireland, Croatia and Scotland.

K AN ARMLESS EMBRACE OF HOPE

Tony Melendez will share how music, faith and a desire to achieve can help to overcome some of the toughest of struggles. He will amaze you with his God-given gift of toe-picking the guitar, and you’ll be moved by his inspiring story of perseverance and faith. Since 1987, when Melendez was commissioned by Pope John Paul II to be hope to the world, he has performed in 42 countries and all 50 states, making countless TV appearances, including on “The Today Show,” “Good Morning America,” among many others. You’ll laugh, cry and pray as Tony, with his band of experienced musicians – The Toe Jam Band – sings and shares from his heart. Come be embraced by an armless gift of hope!



Tony Melendez

Tony Melendez was born without arms as a result of his mother taking the prescription drug Thalidimide. He learned to do almost everything with his feet and taught himself how to play the guitar. In 1987, Melendez performed for Pope John Paul II during his visit to Los Angeles. Today, Melendez is known around the world for playing the guitar with his feet. He has performed at the last nine World Youth Day conferences, hosting pilgrim groups from the United States for the past five years. He has recorded five albums, and has won numerous awards.



M YOU DON’T NEED TWITTER FOLLOWERS TO BE A LEADER!

It’s easy to mistake popularity for leadership. People count how many followers they have on Twitter or friends they have on Facebook, but let’s take another look at what it means to stand out from the crowd and lead in our own way.



Mike Patin

“Faith horticulturist” Mike Patin has worked in youth ministry since 1984, spending six years as a high school teacher and coach before working for the CYO/ Youth Ministry Office for the Archdiocese of New Orleans. He has also been on the adjunct faculty at the Notre Dame School of Theology Seminary in New Orleans. Since 2003, Patin has been speaking full time to young people and adults. His latest book is “This Was Not in the Brochure: Lessons from Work, Ministry and Life.”

ATTENTION GROUP LEADERS:

Pre-order your Official Youth Day 2013 T-shirts now! Customize your Youth Day shirt with your youth group or parish name on the back for only \$2.50 additional. Custom orders with payment must be received by January 28, 2013 for direct shipping.

Special Pre-order Discount Pricing:
 T-shirts: \$12.50 (\$15 at Youth Day)
 Sweatshirts: \$35 (\$40 at Youth Day)
 Adult sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL

On Youth Day, merchandise will be available at the Seraph7 booth in the main Arena Lobby (south side) of the Convention Center Arena. Pre-order to ensure you get yours at www.seraph7.com. Additional information and online ordering can be found at www.Seraph7.com or by emailing store@seraph7.com.

P WARNING: CONTENTS UNDER PRESSURE

What our friends think of us matters. We all seek the affirmation and respect of our peers. In this workshop, participants will reflect on the positive and negative effect our peers can have on our decision-making and happiness. It will offer concrete strategies for dealing with peer pressure from a uniquely Catholic perspective.



Bob Perron

With his comic blend of standup and storytelling, Bob Perron has been involved in ministry to young people and adults since 1984. He is currently Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston in Charleston, West Virginia.

For over a decade Perron has been a workshop presenter at national youth events, including the National Catholic Youth Conference and the National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry, and has spoken at over 100 parishes and dioceses across the United States and Canada.

S HAVING A SERVANT ATTITUDE

Using the Letters to the Philippians as a backdrop, and the movie, “Brave,” as a frame of reference, this session will include music and skits involving youth attendees and group leaders, acting out the parables consistent with the attitudes of the “servant.” This session will explore the use of the Pax Christi process of Scripture, prayer and action for reflection and change of attitude to be that of a servant to others.



Fr. Chris Ponnet

Born and raised at St. Luke’s in Temple City, Calif., Fr. Chris Ponnet was ordained a priest for the Los Angeles Archdiocese in 1983, during the AIDS pandemic, and has been involved for over 25 years as Director of the Office of Catholic HIV/AIDS Ministry. He also serves

as Pastor of St. Camillus Center for Spiritual Care. Fr. Ponnet has spoken about consistent life ethics and the death penalty at the Pax Christi Peace and Justice Conferences and at meetings around the county and local congregations. He has spoken at HIV/AIDS conferences to youth and adults and at the RECongress as well as the regional L.A. congresses.

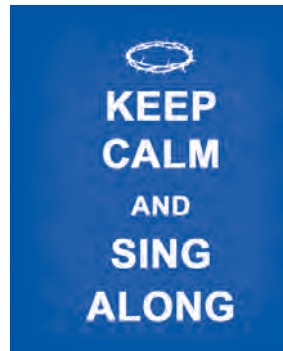
T MUSIC: THE VOICE OF MY HEART

Music is such an important part of your life. Discover ways it can help you grow, make decisions, and even pray! Listen to what God is trying to say to you through your music. Watch what will happen the next time you put on your headphones. Be prepared for a great workshop using the music you listen to everyday! Arrive happy!



Anna Scally

Anna Scally is President of Cornerstone Media, where she is a columnist for their Top Music Countdown and host of their audio show, “Burning Issues.” She has received the National Youth Ministry Performer, Artist and Author of the Year awards from the National Federation of Catholic Youth Ministry. Scally has made over 2,300 public presentations at youth rallies, training events, retreats and adult education days, as well as major conferences for religious educators in North America.



X THE HIGH COST OF FREE LOVE

Sex is God’s idea. God’s design. But God did create sex with boundaries, to protect us and our future marriage. God wants sex to be the best it could possibly be! But after the “free love” generation of the ’60s, today’s students are facing an epidemic of sex-related problems – date rape, sexually transmitted infections, teen pregnancy. “Free love” was anything but free! In this workshop, Pam Stenzel combines her personal story and extensive pregnancy counseling experience into a hard-hitting look at the consequences of sex outside of the sacrament of marriage and how chastity can be practiced and lived.



Pam Stenzel

Pam Stenzel has traveled worldwide, speaking about the issues of sexuality, the importance of abstinence, and the physical and emotional consequences of sex outside of marriage. She is Director of Enlightenment Communications and previously was on the “front lines” as Director of Alpha Women’s Center, a counseling center for women undergoing crisis pregnancies. Stenzel has appeared on numerous national TV and radio programs, and her books include “Who’s in Your Social Network” and “Nobody Told Me.”

WHO MAY ATTEND?

Youth Day is open to students from parishes and high schools (public and Catholic) that are in grades 9 through 12. Students below the 9th Grade are not allowed to participate in this event and will be refused admission. We appreciate your adherence to this guideline.

WHAT IS THE COST?

Registration to attend Youth Day is \$25 per person. After January 4, 2013, fees increase to \$30 per person. Everyone in your group **MUST** be registered for Youth Day, **including all priests** who will be accompanying your group.

CHAPERONES AND CONTACT PERSON

For the initial group of one to ten youth there must be two adult chaperones. An additional chaperone must be included with every consecutive group of up to ten youth. Groups are required to stay together throughout the day, with at least one chaperone attending each activity with each group of up to ten youth. **Students cannot be dropped off at the Convention Center without a Chaperone.**

The **Adult Chaperone** should be at least 21 years of age and should supervise his or her group throughout all of Youth Day. Chaperones must participate in the events of the day – youth find it more difficult to participate if adults are not engaged. Please know that the format of Youth Day enables everyone to have a seat in the Arena, but that large groups may be unable to sit together. We ask that Chaperones divide up and stay with their group of no more than 10 youth.

The **Contact Person** is responsible for providing the Adult Chaperones with all the necessary forms and emergency information gathered for each student. All Youth Day name badges are mailed to the Contact Person. The Contact Person may also be included as one of the group Chaperones or registrants.

It is the responsibility of the Contact Person to make sure ALL Chaperones have been trained in accordance with their Diocesan Youth Protection Policies and the appropriate diocesan-required background check has been completed. Please contact your parish or school for more information on these guidelines for your diocese.

REGISTRATION DEADLINES

We recommend that you register early since Youth Day often fills up prior to deadline dates. Once Youth Day fills to capacity, it is **CLOSED** to further registrations. This is due to a limited number of seats. Please note that this sometimes happens **BEFORE THE REGISTRATION FEE INCREASE ON January 4, 2013**. If we receive your registration after Youth Day has closed, it will be returned to you. **SORRY, THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS GUIDELINE.**

NAME BADGES

Each registered person is given a name badge and that serves as their admission to Youth Day. Registrations will **NOT** be processed if only one person's name is used in all the spaces on the form or if the names are obviously made up. In order to gain and maintain admission into the Convention Center, each person must be wearing the official Youth Day name badge for the entire day. If needed, you may substitute people. **PLEASE** distribute name badges to all participants prior to leaving your parish or school or before exiting the bus. Those who become separated from their group and do not have name badges will not be allowed entry into the Convention Center or Arena. Your help in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Youth Day Packets will be mailed after January 14, 2013, to the Contact Person. Please check your packet **IMMEDIATELY** upon receipt to verify that each Chaperone and each participant received his or her name badge.

NOTE: There is a \$50 fee for reprinting of name badges on Youth Day.

HOW DO WE REGISTER?

Registrations can be made by mailing in the Youth Day Registration Form (next page) along with a check for the proper amount. Please remember that everyone must register for the day (including Chaperones and priests). A maximum of 10 students and one Chaperone can register per form. There must be two Chaperones listed in your first group of registrants. **Forms, information and online registration by credit card are available at www.RECongress.org/YD.**

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

1. The Youth Day Registration Form is provided on the next page. Please feel free to duplicate this form.
2. No more than 10 students with one Chaperone can register per form, with the group attending the same workshop. The first group must include two Chaperones. Please do not register more people on the form than will be attending, since space is limited.
3. Once registration has been sent in, additional registrations **CANNOT** be added to the group. To add registrants, a new form (with another paid Chaperone) must be filled out and sent in. **PLEASE** remember to register priests who accompany your group as well.
4. All youth must remain with their Chaperone throughout Youth Day. No one can be dropped off at the Convention Center without an Adult Chaperone.
5. Remember to list the name and information of the Contact Person on each form used and indicate if he/she will attend. If the Contact Person plans to attend, his/her name **MUST** appear again as a Chaperone or registrant.
6. Indicate your choices of track and workshops and send the form(s) with the total fee of \$25 per person (U.S. dollars only) postmarked by January 4, 2013 to : Los Angeles Religious Education Congress, PO BOX 76955, Los Angeles, CA 90076-0955. Make checks payable to: **Religious Education Congress**. Total fees must accompany registration form. All incomplete registrations will be mailed back for correcting. We cannot accept registration forms by phone or fax.
7. See www.RECongress.org/YD for online registration info.
8. After January 4, 2013 (postmarked), the Youth Day Registration fee will be increased to \$30 per person.
9. Refunds must be requested in writing by January 4, 2013. There are **NO REFUNDS** after that date. There will be a \$10 per registration refund processing fee.
10. **THERE IS NO REGISTRATION ON YOUTH DAY!**
11. Questions? Call (213) 637-7348 or (213) 637-7346.

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION AND ASSIGNMENT

MAKE SURE to mark on the registration whether your group will attend **TRACK 1** or **TRACK 2** (see the previous pages for explanation about tracks). Also, print the letter of your first and second choice workshops plainly on the spaces provided. The featured Arena speaker workshop is attended by all participants and groups can choose a second workshop from the listing on the previous pages. All workshops are offered for both tracks.

Workshop Assignment: Our registration computer will assign your first choice for the workshop. If your first choice is full, then the computer will assign your second choice.

FOOD SERVICES

Track 1 and Track 2 have staggered lunch times. There are food concessions at various places in the Convention Center, Arena Lobby, and outside. Lines can be long, so please be patient. **PLEASE NOTE** that it is unacceptable to cater lunches for your group. Participants are allowed to bring individual lunch bags, but large ice chests and group catering is not permitted. We also suggest that you do not use nearby restaurants, since time is limited.

YOUTH DAY REGISTRATION FORM

THURSDAY, February 21, 2013 – 8:00 am - 3:45 pm

ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES – OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ONLY PRE-REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED – NO REGISTRATION ON YOUTH DAY

1. A maximum of 10 students per form can be registered **with each paid Adult Chaperone**. All must attend the same workshops. The first registration form for every group should have two Chaperones listed.
2. Once the Registration Form has been mailed in, additional students cannot be added to it. Additional students require a new form AND another **paid Chaperone**. Please be sure to **register all priests who will accompany your group**.
3. YOUTH DAY FEE: \$25 per person (U.S. dollars only). After January 4, 2013 the fee increases to \$30 per person.
4. NOTE: YOUTH DAY USUALLY FILLS TO CAPACITY AND CLOSSES BEFORE THE DEADLINE DATE. Youth Day Registration deadline is January 24, 2013. All registrations received after this date – **or after Youth Day fills to capacity** – will be returned.
5. Mail checks payable to: **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS**, PO Box 76955, Los Angeles, CA 90076-0955.
6. Total payment must accompany this form.
7. Name badges will be mailed after **January 14, 2013**. Please check your packet when it arrives, verifying that each Adult Chaperone and each student has his or her own name badge. Students **MUST** remain with their Adult Chaperones throughout the day.
8. Refunds must be requested in writing before January 4, 2013. Note: There is a **\$10 per registration** refund processing fee.
9. REGISTRATION QUESTIONS? CALL (213) 637-7348 or (213) 637-7346.

PLEASE PRINT. INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL BE RETURNED.

Diocese _____
 Parish _____
 School/Org. _____
 City _____ State _____

– For Office Use Only –	
Stamp Number	_____
Date Received	_____
Total Registrants	_____
Check Number	_____
Total Amount	_____

CONTACT PERSON (If attending, please also include your name below as Chaperone or Registrant, whichever is applicable.)

Name _____ Day Phone (_____) _____
 Address _____ Eve. Phone (_____) _____
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SERVICES • Will anyone in your group require special services? Sign Interpreter Oral Interpreter Deaf-Blind Interpreter
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ADULT CHAPERONE

First Name	Last Name	\$25	\$30
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Fees are an additional \$5 per person if postmarked after January 4, 2013.

Choice for Group:
Track 1 or **Track 2**

Workshop choice:
 1ST _____
 2ND _____

If track or workshop is not indicated, we reserve the right to make the assignments for your group.

Please note: It is unacceptable to cater lunch at Youth Day due to a liability issue for the Convention Center. There are many places through the Center to purchase food. People are invited to bring individual lunches, but catered meals (by restaurants or individuals) will not be allowed. Convention Center staff will ask these groups to leave the premises.

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FRIDAY SCHEDULE

- 7:30 am - 3:00 pm**
On-site registration begins
(Prefunction Lobby)
- 8:30 - 9:30 am**
Opening Rite & Welcome
(Arena)
- 10:00 - 11:30 am**
Period 1 Workshops
- 11:30 am**
Ticket exchange opens
(Prefunction Lobby)
- 11:30 am - 1:00 pm**
LUNCH
- 11:45 am - 12:30 pm**
Music (Arena)
– Jacob & Matthew with
Danielle Rose & Noelle Garcia
Music (Hall B)
– Cliff Petty &
Meredith Augustin
- 1:00 - 2:30 pm**
Period 2 Workshops
- 3:00 - 4:30 pm**
Period 3 Workshops
- 5:15 pm**
Eucharistic Liturgies
& Evening Prayer
(see page 22)
- 8:00 pm**
Concert (Arena)
– Liam Lawton
Film Showcase 2013
(Convention 201)
- 9:00 pm**
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(see page 22)

Registration Hours

7:30 am - 3:00 pm
(Prefunction Lobby)

Exhibit Hours

8:00 am - 5:00 pm
(Hall A)

Sacred Space

10:00 am - 3:00 pm
(Convention 304)

Massage

(Hall A Prefunction Lobby)

A.A. Meeting

(Noon - Location: TBA)

OPENING RITE & WELCOME

ENTER THE MYSTERY

We gather! We enter the mystery of God's encompassing presence woven into the fabric of our lives and ministry. We lift our hearts and voices in a chorus of praise and gratitude. Our spirit-filled gathering will be graced by the presence and gifts of:

Archbishop José Gomez	Helena Buscema	Jacob Israel	Rafael Moreno
Edith Prendergast, RSC	Joe Camacho	Frank Jansen	Donna Peña
Paulette Smith	Karla Carrillo	ValLimar Jansen	Cliff Petty
Jan Pedroza	Andrew Chinn	Mary Janus	Danielle Rose
John Flaherty	Jeanne Cotter	Tom Kendzia	Pedro Rubalcava
Tony Alonso	Harrison Crenshaw	Mel Kennedy	Dan Schutte
Donna Anderle	Elohim D'Leon	Peter Kolar	Brenda Smith
Dave Anderson	Gary Daigle	Gaile Krause	Nicole Smith-Masero
John Angotti	Chris de Silva	Liam Lawton	Curtis Stephan
Steve Angrisano	Santiago Fernández	Matthew Leon	Ginny Temple
Ed Archer	Noelle Garcia	Michael Paul Leon	John West & the
Meredith Augustin	Estela García-López	Rudy López	Valyermo Dancers
Betsey Beckman	Hermana Glenda	Michael Mangan	... and many others
Anna Betancourt	Laura Gomez	Jesse Manibusan	
Grayson Warren Brown	David Haas	Monica Miller Luther	
John Burland	Marty Haugen	Rafael Moreno	

FRIDAY LUNCHTIME ENTERTAINMENT

Arena – 11:45 am - 12:30 pm



Jacob & Matthew Band

THE JACOB & MATTHEW BAND WITH DANIELLE ROSE & NOELLE GARCIA

You will sing with reckless abandon the prayers and song of your heart, rejoice in the Lord, and dance for joy with their up-beat songs and high energy sound. Come, listen to the music and lyrics that inspire self-reflection while bringing a cutting-edge style that will surely move you to sing, dance and pray!"



Rose Garcia

CLIFF PETTY & MEREDITH AUGUSTIN

Hall B – 11:45 am - 12:30 pm



Petty Augustin

"Resound the Mystery in Songs of Joy and Hope"

Join these dynamic and energetic artists for lunch as they raise their soul-filled voices in songs of joy and hope. Come sing out! Celebrate the mystery of God's encompassing and life-giving presence.

FRIDAY EVENING CONCERT

LIAM LAWTON & FRIENDS

Arena – 8:00 pm



Lawton

"Ireland: Land of Music, Poetry, Dance"

Ireland has long been known as the "Island of Saints and Scholars," but it is also a land of poetry, music and literature. Tonight, Liam Lawton & Friends will introduce some of the music, mystery and dance that has captivated audiences down through the centuries. Joining Liam for tonight's performance will be some of the original musicians from the theatrical show "Riverdance."

FILM SHOWCASE 2013

Convention 201 – 8:00 - 10:00 pm



The Film Showcase, in partnership with Loyola Marymount University, presents excerpts from a number of narrative feature films, shorts, documentaries, experimental and animated films, whose thematic elements are grounded in Catholic social teaching, justice, ministry, spirituality and theology. Filmmakers will be on hand to meet with audience members.

PERIOD 1 – 10:00 - 11:30 AM	PERIOD 2 – 1:00 - 2:30 PM	PERIOD 3 – 3:00 - 4:30 PM
1-01 Parish Life Director Track (*) - Wilkerson, Vega, Hahnenberg & Siker	2-01 Parish Life Director Track (*) - Wilkerson, Vega, Hahnenberg & Siker	3-01 Parish Life Director Track (*) - Wilkerson, Vega, Hahnenberg & Siker
1-02 The Meaning and Development of Conscience - Fr. Gerald Coleman	2-02 Blocks, Dress-ups and Make Believe: The Power of Play in the Faith Formation of Young Children (*) - Dr. Shauna Adams	3-02 Service Projects and Mission Trips That Change Lives! (*) - Jane Angha
1-03 Praying 24/7 (*) - Roy DeLeon	2-03 The Battle for Religious Freedom in the 21st Century (*) - John Allen Jr.	3-03 The Bible, the Saints, and the Renewal of the Church (*) - Stephen Binz
1-04 Enter the Mystery: Job and the Silence of God (*) - Sr. Carol Dempsey	2-04 I Shall Live: Singing the Great Three Days - Tony Alonso	3-04 The Mystery of Human Dignity Eclipsed (*) - Sr. Kathy Bryant
1-05 Enter the Mystery: Witness the Way - Carole Eipers	2-05 Job: The NOW Testament (*) - John Angotti	3-05 Tell the Good News! Sing the Good News! (*) - Andrew Chinn
1-06 The Living Jesus in Our Experiences of Love, Joy, Need, Fear, Sorrow and Anger: A Spirituality - Fr. Robert Fabing	2-06 The Power of Prayer: Ten Ways to Pray with Children and Families (*) - Nancy Bird	3-06 Catechesis and Family Evangelization (*) - Fr. Frank DeSiano
1-07 The Trouble with Transitions - Amy Florian	2-07 Dancing the Mysterium Tremendum (*) - Betsey Beckman & Laura Ash	3-07 Bringing Scripture to Life with Children (*) - Steven Ellair
1-08 Divine Wonder: The Sacraments as a Joyful Surrender and Rebirth into the Mystery of Love (*) - Fr. Richard Fragomeni	2-08 Songs of Scripture: Deepening Children's Understanding of God's Word (*) - John Burland	3-08 On Being His Body, Taking Our AMEN Seriously (*) - Sr. Barbara Fiand
1-09 On the Road with Luke: The Drama of the Journey (*) - Anne Frawley-Mangan	2-09 Bullying: A Catholic Response for Educators (*) - Frank DiLallo	3-09 Catholic Education: From and for Faith (*) - Dr. Thomas Groome
1-10 Does a Shared Doctrinal Teaching Authority Have an Ecumenical Future? (*) - Dr. Richard Gaillardetz	2-10 Grow Your Church the E-way (*) - Msgr. Ray East	3-10 Befriending the Unknown: Spiritual Wisdom for Times of Crisis and Transition (*) - Richard Groves
1-11 Evangelization and Young People (*) - Fr. Rob Galea	2-11 Sharing Faith as Parents of Youth (*) - Tom East	3-11 Screen Play: Creating Effective Evangelization and Catechesis Through Social Media (*) - Mark Hart
1-12 Apprenticeship and Catechesis: Formation in the RCIA (*) - Dr. Jerry Galipeau	2-12 Teaching Leadership Skills to ALL Students in a Catholic School (*) - Dan Friedt	3-12 Roman Catholic Rituals – Ever Ancient, Ever New (*) - ValLimar Jansen
1-13 God, Suffering and Conversion (*) - Dr. Greer Gordon	2-13 Aging with Grace (*) - Sr. Gretchen Hailer	3-13 Why Pray? Sacraments, Miracles, Changed Hearts (*) - Fr. Joe Kempf
1-14 The Trinitarian Mystery (*) - Fr. James Hanvey	2-14 Why Bother Praying? - Fr. Richard Leonard	3-14 Living with the Lord's Prayer (*) - Dr. Josephine Lombardi
1-15 Living Without Fear: The Truth About Intimacy, Love and Passion (*) - Rev. Terry Hershey	2-15 Heralds of the Good News: Becoming the Best You Can Be (*) - Dr. Sandra Kennedy	3-15 This We Believe: Songs of Faith for the Year of Faith (*) - Michael Mangan
1-16 Let's Talk: Bringing Both Sides in Parish Together (*) - Bill Huebsch	2-16 Sacramental Renewal in Light of the New Evangelization (*) - Fr. James Mallon	3-16 Sharing Faith with Young People (*) - Judy McDonald
1-17 Kingdom of God Commitments: Seven World-Changing Expressions of Faith (*) - Jack Jezreel	2-17 Tools for Evangelization and Transformation (*) - Dr. Patricia McCormack	3-17 Entering the Mystery: Where? (*) - Dr. Megan McKenna
1-18 Where God Hides - Fr. Liam Lawton	2-18 An Armless Embrace of Hope - Tony Melendez	3-18 "All the Families on Earth Shall be Blessed" (Acts 3:25): The Scripture on Parenting (*) - Fr. J. Patrick Mullen
1-19 Finding Your Ministerial "Community of Practice" (*) - Charlotte McCorquodale	2-19 Communication and the Catholic Church (*) - Fr. Jonathan Morris	3-19 With Respect to the Paschal Mystery – The Mystery of Passing Over from Death to Life: Are You a Cheerleader or a Participant? (*) - Dr. Terry Nelson-Johnson
1-20 Mentors and Models for the Spiritual Journey - Bishop Robert Morneau	2-20 Daily Prayers, Daily Chores: Building and Maintaining an Everyday Faith (*) - Kathleen Norris	3-20 It Begins With a Question ... Evangelizing Families (*) - JoAnn Paradise
1-21 Spirituality and the Universal Call to Holiness (*) - Fr. Timothy Radcliffe	2-21 Teaching Outside the Box: Faith Formation that Resembles Mass More than Class (*) - Joe Paprocki	3-21 Spiritual Concerns and Pastoral Practice in the Ministry with Lesbian and Gay Catholics (*) - Fr. Chris Ponnet
1-22 Spirituality as Non-negotiable for Everyone: The Soul Will Have Its Say! (*) - Rev. Ronald Rolheiser	2-22 Finding the Lions in the Rocks – Mentoring Young People (*) - Mike Patin	3-22 The Role of Religion in the 2012 Election - Fr. Thomas Reese
1-23 Music Does Not Cause Teen Problems; It is Telling Us What They Are Going Through. Are You Listening? It's Easier Than You Think (*) - Anna Scally	2-23 When You Weigh Your Worth, You're Worth the Wait (*) - Anthony Preston	3-23 Immortal Diamond: The Search for Our True Self (*) - Fr. Richard Rohr
1-24 Challenging Teens to Old Testament Thinking (*) - Dr. Daniel Smith-Christopher	2-24 Living Together in the 21st Century: What the Bible Can Teach Us About Mutual Respect and Christian Dialogue (*) - Fr. Donald Senior	3-24 Hanging with the Holy Who Dat! We Have a Bounty on the Devil! (*) - Rev. R. Tony Ricard
1-25 Enter the Mystery – How to Make Decisions the Catholic Way (*) - David Wells	2-25 Between Sundays: Spiritual Practices for Everyday Living (*) - Tom Tomaszek	3-25 Faith Formation for Every Adult in Your Church – It's Possible! (*) - John Roberto
1-26 Child Development and Catechesis: Speaking the Learner's Language (*) - Dr. Joseph White	2-26 The Secret to Teaching Adults (*) - Nick Wagner	3-26 The Curriculum Framework: New Opportunities for High Schools (*) - Ailís Travers & Elaine Mahon
1-27 The Pilgrim's Way: Setting Direction for a Future Life - David Whyte	2-27 Music to Help Children Speak with God (*) - Christopher Walker	3-27 Are You Communicating? You Cannot Build Relationships Without It! (*) - Char Wenc
1-28 Everyone's Called to God's Table, Even the Ones Who Can't Sit Still in Their Seats (*) - Madonna Wojtaszek-Healy	2-28 What the Tech? Enter the Mysterious World of Cybercrime! (*) - Tracy Webb	3-28 From <i>Dei Verbum</i> to <i>Verbum Domini</i> : How Catholics Can Be Transformed by the Word of God (*) - Fr. Ronald Witherup
1-70 Vietnamese Workshop (Prayer: The Master Key to Enter the Mystery) (*) - Fr. Joseph Doan Công Nguyen	2-29 Pure and Simple: The Art of Creating a Beautiful Mind - David Whyte	3-70 Vietnamese Workshop (How Lay People Can Learn Scripture to Live the Liturgy More Deeply) - Hy Xuan Le
	2-70 Vietnamese Workshop (<i>Mysterium Fidei</i> : Structure and Meaning of the Eucharistic Prayer) (*) - Fr. Thinh Duc Pham	

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SATURDAY SCHEDULE

7:30 am - 3:00 pm

On-site registration
(Prefunction Lobby)

7:50 am

Morning Praise (Arena)

8:30 am

Keynote Address (Arena)
– Mark Shriver

10:00 - 11:30 am

Period 4 Workshops

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

LUNCH

11:45 am - 12:30 pm

Music (Arena)
– Curtis Stephan,
Steve Angrisano & Dan Schutte

Music (Hall B)
– Hermana Glenda

1:00 - 2:30 pm

Period 5 Workshops

3:00 - 4:30 pm

Period 6 Workshops

5:15 pm

Eucharistic Liturgies
& Prayer Service
(see page 22)

7:00 - 9:00 pm

Adoration
(Sacred Space)

8:00 pm

Concert (Arena)
– Mariachi w/ Anna Betancourt,
Donna Peña & Pedro Rubalcava

8:30 pm

Sacred Illuminations 2013
(Convention 213)

9:00 pm - midnight

Young Adult Dance
(Marriott)

Registration Hours

7:30 am - 3:00 pm
(Prefunction Lobby)

Exhibit Hours

8:00 am - 5:00 pm
(Hall A)

Sacred Space

10:00 am - 9:00 pm
(Convention 304)

Massage

(Hall A Prefunction Lobby)

A.A. Meeting

(Noon - Location: TBA)

SATURDAY MORNING PRAISE

Arena – 7:50 am

Let us welcome a new day and sing out in a chorus of praise and worship to the God of Life who journeys with us. Estela García-López, Rudy López, John Angotti and Santiago Fernandez will lead this spirit-filled and uplifting celebration. Our presider will be Tricia Hoyt. Together, we will celebrate our common journey of faith.

SATURDAY KEYNOTE

Arena – 8:30 am



MARK SHRIVER

“Faith, Hope and Love in Action” 🎧

In this Year of Faith, Mark Shriver shares his father’s example to glean insights about the durability of faith, a faith that demands acts of hope and love. How did Sargent Shriver create the Peace Corps, lead the “War on Poverty,” expand Special Olympics around the globe, and still attend Mass on a daily basis? Sharing the lessons he learned in writing his New York Times best-selling memoir, “A Good Man: Rediscovering My Father, Sargent Shriver,” Mark Shriver will explore the source of his father’s joy – his faith – and how it sustained him through life. It is this faith that can help us all as we strive to be better men and women.

Fr. Richard Fragomeni will contextualize the session in the vision proposed by the Year of Faith. Fr. Fragomeni is Associate Professor of Liturgy and Homiletics and Chair of the Department of Word and Worship at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago.

SATURDAY LUNCHTIME ENTERTAINMENT

Arena – 11:45 am - 12:30 pm



Angrisano Schutte Stephan

“Age to Age: Generations of Faith”

Leaving labels of youth, liturgical and contemporary behind, Catholic music icons Steve Angrisano, Dan Schutte and Curtis Stephan come together to share their music with one another and with the Church. Join them as they unite Catholics across generations that weave a tapestry of sung prayer for the whole community!



HERMANA GLENDA

Hall B – 11:45 am - 12:30 pm

“A solas con Dios” (Alone with God)

Un momento para orar, meditar y cantar con las hermosas canciones bíblicas interpretadas por la Hermana Glenda Hernandez, te ayudarán a encontrarte de verdad “a solas con Dios.”

A time to pray, meditate and sing the beautiful songs from the Bible interpreted by Sr. Glenda Hernandez, who will help you find the truth “alone with God.”

SATURDAY EVENING CONCERT

Arena – 8:00 pm

“Celebrating the Great Mystery with Mariachi”

We invite you to rejoice and feast with the renowned and festive sounds of mariachi in this encounter with the mystery of the living God, who loves us beyond borders. Come and join voices with Anna Betancourt, Donna Peña and Pedro Rubalcava.



Betancourt Peña Rubalcava

SACRED ILLUMINATIONS 2013

Convention 213 – 8:30 pm



Sacred Illuminations 2013

Returning to the Religious Education Congress is Sacred Illuminations: A mystical choreography of light and sound. Incorporating her newest liturgical and fine art photography and reflections, Sister Rose Marie Tulacz, SND, will lead us on a journey into the urgency of God’s longing for us. (Note the later time again this year, beginning at 8:30 pm)

PERIOD 4 – 10:00 - 11:30 AM

- 4-01 Preschool Faith Formation: Learning from the Master (*) - **Dr. Shauna Adams**
- 4-02 Singing the Mystery
- **Tony Alonso & Marty Haugen**
- 4-03 Come Sing My Song! Celebrating Our Faith with Children (*) - **Andrew Chinn**
- 4-04 Ahhh, to be a Kid Again: Music and Movement for the Very Young and the Young at Heart! (*) - **Donna Anderle**
- 4-05 Faith, Worship and 800-pound Gorillas! Honest Ministry in the 21st Century (*) - **Grayson Warren Brown**
- 4-06 Special Questions in Sexual Morality
- **Fr. Gerald Coleman**
- 4-07 Especially for Young Adults: Leadership Skills for Ministry and Beyond (*)
- **Dr. Katherine DeVries**
- 4-08 Stewardship and Servant Leadership (*)
- **Dr. Dan Ebener**
- 4-09 Vatican II: An Unfinished Building Site (*) - **Dr. Richard Gaillardetz**
- 4-10 Excellence in Adolescent Catechesis and the Credo Series (*) - **Dr. Thomas Groome**
- 4-11 We Are Not Alone: A Musical and Prayerful Journey Celebrating the Presence of Christ
- **David Haas**
- 4-12 Do Tell: Secrets to Teaching Scripture with Middle- and High-Schoolers (*)
- **Mark Hart**
- 4-13 Forming Conscience in a Polarizing Time (*) - **Fr. James Heft**
- 4-14 Starting, Sustaining and Succeeding with Social Media in the Parish Setting (*)
- **Lisa Hendey**
- 4-15 Was That You, Lord? Hearing the Voice of God as Only You Can (*) - **Fr. Joe Kempf**
- 4-16 How to Be Me When the World Wants Me to Be Somebody Else (*)
- **Rev. Terry Hershey**
- 4-17 “For I Was a Stranger, and You Welcomed Me!” (*) - **Cardinal Roger Mahony**
- 4-18 It’s More Than a Course, of Course: Ten Values of Renewed Parishes (*)
- **Fr. James Mallon**
- 4-19 Does God Really Help? (*)
- **Fr. Jonathan Morris**
- 4-20 Sexuality: Celebrate the Gift and Become Makers of Love
- **Dr. Terry Nelson-Johnson**
- 4-21 Diary of an Unapologetic Roman Catholic Priest (*) - **Rev. R. Tony Ricard**
- 4-22 Babies Should be Begotten, Not Made: Infertility and *In Vitro* Fertilization
- **Fr. Tadeusz Pacholczyk**
- 4-23 Empowering Vibrant Faith @ Home (*)
- **John Roberto & Leif Kehrwald**
- 4-24 The Heart of the Matter: The Inner Logic of the Gospel of John (*) - **Fr. Donald Senior**
- 4-25 Jesus and the Mystery of the Kingdom of God (*) - **Jeffrey Siker**
- 4-26 New Evidence from Physics for an Intelligent Creator – Responding to the New Atheism (*) - **Fr. Robert Spitzer**
- 4-27 The Year of Faith and New Evangelization (*) - **Archbishop Luis Antonio Tagle**
- 4-28 Being Present to Each Other (*)
- **Dr. John Yzaguirre**
- 4-70 Vietnamese Workshop (The Liturgical Year: Living Out the Paschal Mystery) (*)
- **Fr. Thinh Duc Pham**

PERIOD 5 – 1:00 - 2:30 PM

- 5-01 All Things Catholic: What’s Hot and What’s Not in the Global Church (*)
- **John Allen Jr.**
- 5-02 Cultivating a Eucharistic Spirituality
- **Dr. Mary Amore**
- 5-03 Dancing into the Light (*)
- **Betsey Beckman & Laura Ash**
- 5-04 Building Biblical Literacy in Parishes (*)
- **East, Groome, Maudlin, Morris, Sperry**
- 5-05 Saving Lives Is for the Coast Guard (*)
- **Rev. Gregory Boyle**
- 5-06 Engaging Children in Catechesis Through Song (*) - **John Burland**
- 5-07 Creating a Parish Catechism (*)
- **Rev. John Cusick**
- 5-08 Die to Self without Losing Yourself in the Process - **Amy Florian**
- 5-09 Discipleship Bootcamp: Spiritual Exercises to Enter the Mystery (*)
- **Fr. Richard Fragomeni**
- 5-10 Friend of God: Entering into the Mystery of Relationship with God (*) - **Renata Furst**
- 5-11 Can You Hear Me Now? - **GIA workshop**
- 5-12 Migration and the Eucharist (*)
- **Rev. Daniel Groody**
- 5-13 The Struggle to Serve: Ministering with Hope in Today’s Church (*)
- **Dr. Ed Hahnenberg**
- 5-14 Science, Religion and Faith: The Challenge of Modern Atheism (*) - **Darrell Hall**
- 5-15 Mission-based Catechesis: The Time is Now! (*) - **Jack Jezreel**
- 5-16 Movies to Pray By - **Fr. Richard Leonard**
- 5-17 Walk the Way: Enter the Mystery (*)
- **Fr. David Loftus**
- 5-18 Learning to Pray (*) - **Rev. James Martin**
- 5-19 The Mystery of Faith: Jesus’ Prayer, Passion and Power (*) - **Sr./Dr. Oralisa Martin**
- 5-20 Are you Certifiable? Examining the National LEM Certification Process (*)
- **Charlotte McCorquodale**
- 5-21 “Two Shall Become One Flesh” (Matt. 19:5): The Bible on Marriage (*)
- **Fr. J. Patrick Mullen**
- 5-22 A Covenant for All Generations: Building an Intergenerational Church (*)
- **Jennifer Owens**
- 5-23 Care and Treatment Decisions for Compromised Patients or Patients at the End of Life - **Fr. Tadeusz Pacholczyk**
- 5-24 What the Young Church Wants You to Know (But Doesn’t Tell You) (*) - **Roy Petitfils**
- 5-25 Three Popes: One Common Message (*)
- **Sr. Maureen Sullivan**
- 5-26 Parenting is Not for Wimps! (*)
- **Char Wenc**
- 5-27 God Called Me to Dance, Even if I’m Out of Step (*) - **Madonna Wojtaszek-Healy**
- 5-70 Vietnamese Workshop (Faith: Myth or Mystery?) (*) - **Rev. Hy Nguyen**

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PERIOD 6 – 3:00 - 4:30 PM

- 6-01 Mary as Mother of the Word and Star of the New Evangelization (*) - **Stephen Binz**
- 6-02 Priesthood: The Problem and the Promise (*) - **Rev. Lawrence Christian**
- 6-03 HIV/AIDS: Where Are We Today? (*)
- **Dr. Elizabeth Crabb Breen**
- 6-04 Enter the Mystery: Grace, Revelation and Jesus (*) - **Sr. Carol Dempsey**
- 6-05 Adult Faith Formation: From Information to Transformation, From Program to Process (*) - **Julianne Donlon-Stanz**
- 6-06 Blessings for Leaders: The Leadership Wisdom of Jesus (*) - **Dr. Dan Ebener**
- 6-07 The Land of Jesus: A Spiritual Pilgrimage (*) - **Rev. Virgilio Elizondo & Dr. Timothy Matovina**
- 6-08 Sacraments as Doors to the Sacred and Rites of Passage (*) - **Rev. Eduardo Fernandez**
- 6-09 The Theological Foundations of Catholic Social Teaching (*) - **Fr. James Hanvey**
- 6-10 The Gift of Cultural Hurricanes: How to Build Bridges that Empower Parents and Transform Catholic Families (*)
- **Dr. Timothy Hogan**
- 6-11 The Mystery of Faith: Its Biblical Foundations (*) - **Fr. Felix Just**
- 6-12 Like a River: Liturgy and Catechesis as a Seamless, Flowing Garment (*)
- **Tom Kendzia**
- 6-13 Your Words, O God: Singing the Scriptures in Parishes and Schools (*)
- **Michael Mangan**
- 6-14 Youth in Crisis: A Pastoral Response (*)
- **Robert McCarty**
- 6-15 Catholic Parents – Keepers of the Promise (*) - **Dr. Patricia McCormack**
- 6-16 Enter the Mystery – Is the Mystery Someone? (*) - **Dr. Megan McKenna**
- 6-17 Themes in Ecumenism & Interfaith Dialogue (*) - **Bishop Malcolm McMahon**
- 6-18 How to Reach Young Adults: Reclaiming the “Lost” Generation (*) - **David O’Brien**
- 6-19 My Parish is Becoming Hispanic: Suggestions to Organize Effective Hispanic Ministry in Your Community (*)
- **Dr. Hosffman Ospino**
- 6-20 Introduction to the Second Vatican Council (*) - **Rev. Michael Raschko**
- 6-21 The Three Pillars of Catholicism
- **Fr. Thomas Reese**
- 6-22 Spirituality and the Different Stages of Our Lives: One Size Doesn’t Fit All (*)
- **Rev. Ronald Rolheiser**
- 6-23 The Innovative Religion Teacher: Contemporary Methodologies for the 21st-century Classroom (*)
- **Ailís Travers & Elaine Mahon**
- 6-24 Joyful, Holy Encounters (*)
- **Sr. Anne Bryan Smollin**
- 6-25 Improving Our Skills for Choirs and Cantors (*) - **Christopher Walker**
- 6-26 Where There Is Ruin, There May Be Treasure: Recovery from Alcoholism 101 (*)
- **Fr. Thomas Weston**
- 6-27 Pope Benedict’s New Evangelization: Practical Applications for the Catechist and Catechetical Leader (*) - **Dr. Joseph White**
- 6-70 Vietnamese Workshop (Old Testament: The Key to Enter the Mystery of Jesus Christ) (*)
- **Fr. Joseph Doan Công Nguyen**

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:00 - 11:00 am

On-site registration
(Prefunction Lobby)

8:00 - 9:30 am

Eucharistic Liturgy
(Arena)

8:30 am

Morning Addresses
English: Sr. Maureen Sullivan
Spanish: Luis Benavides

10:00 - 11:30 am

Period 7 Workshops

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

LUNCH

11:45 am - 12:30 pm

Music (Arena)
– Santiago Fernández,
Donna Peña & Rafael Moreno
Music (Hall B)
– Grayson Warren Brown

1:00 - 2:30 pm

Period 8 Workshops

3:30 pm

Closing Eucharistic
Liturgy (Arena)

Registration Hours

8:00 - 11:00 am
(Prefunction Lobby)

Exhibit Hours

8:00 am - 3:00 pm
(Hall A)

Sacred Space

10:00 am - 1:00 pm
(Convention 304)

Massage

(Prefunction Lobby Hall A)

A.A. Meeting

(Noon - Location: TBA)



MORNING LITURGY

Arena – 8:00 am

As we awaken to a new day, we gather as a community of faith to give thanks and praise. Nourished by word and sacrament, we go forth to share the Good News of the Gospel and reach out to make a difference in our world.

SUNDAY ENGLISH ADDRESS



SR. MAUREEN SULLIVAN, OP, PhD

8:30 am

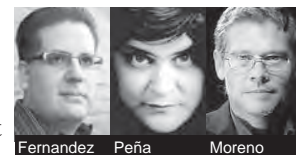
“The Church as Mystery: Reflecting on the Presence of God in Our Midst” 🎧

The decision to describe the church as a mystery was one of the most important theological developments at Vatican II because it called us to a renewed contemplation of the presence of God in our midst. This description prompts a dynamic understanding of church and it assures us that we need not be afraid of the “unfolding” that is inherent in the divine plan for us. The church as mystery carries many hopeful implications for the 21st-century church. This presentation will seek to reveal those implications.

SUNDAY LUNCHTIME ENTERTAINMENT

Arena – 11:45 am - 12:30 pm

SANTIAGO FERNÁNDEZ, DONNA PEÑA & RAFAEL MORENO



A smorgasbord of sound, rhythm, language and story presented in a musically diverse platter of culture and borders. We present three voices of the Latin American church. Be prepared to be moved by the beat and by the message.

Un mosaico de sonidos, ritmos, idiomas e historias presentado en un bufet musical diverso de culturas y fronteras. Presentamos tres voces de la iglesia Latinoamericana. Vengan preparados a moverse por el calor y el mensaje.

Hall B – 11:45 am - 12:30 pm



GRAYSON WARREN BROWN

Grayson Warren Brown invites you to join him and friends in a special lunchtime concert of music and praise. Come ready to sing and clap and celebrate the wonders of our God! This is not a “listening” concert, this is a “jump in and sing” experience. All are welcome!

CLOSING LITURGY

Arena – 3:30 pm



ARCHBISHOP JOSÉ GOMEZ, PRESIDER

As Congress 2013 draws to a close, we gather to pray, to celebrate and go forth to make a difference in our families, our communities of faith and our world. We witness to our new life in Christ and place our lives and ministry at the service of God’s people. Our Closing Liturgy, led by Los Angeles Archbishop José Gomez, features the 200-plus voice Congress Choir 2013, under the direction of John Flaherty.



PERIOD 7 – 10:00 - 11:30 AM

- 7-01 Ballet 101: For Ministers of Liturgical Movement (*) - **Donna Anderle**
- 7-02 Youth, Families and Service: It's About Gratitude and Giving (*) - **Jane Angha**
- 7-03 Keeping the Faith While Teaching the Faith (*) - **Steve Angrisano**
- 7-04 Don't Quit Yet – Four Secrets of the Spirituality of Self-Care for Catechists and Church Ministers (*) - **Nancy Bird**
- 7-05 Body-Praying the Gospel Story (*) - **Roy DeLeon**
- 7-06 What's So Great About Theology-on-Tap? (*) - **Dr. Katherine DeVries**
- 7-07 Bullying: Help for Parents (*) - **Frank DiLallo**
- 7-08 Adult Faith Formation for the 21st Century: From Best to Next Practices (*) - **Julianne Donlon-Stanz**
- 7-09 Engaging Adolescents Through Prayer (*) - **Steven Ellair**
- 7-10 Forgiveness, Reconciliation and Christ (*) - **Dr. Greer Gordon**
- 7-11 Sing as Christ Inspires Your Song, Live the Promise You Believe - **David Haas**
- 7-12 Solving the Social Media Mystery: Tips, Tools and Techniques for the New Evangelization (*) - **Lisa Hendey**
- 7-13 Out to the Highways and Hedgerows (*) - **Bill Huebsch**
- 7-14 Healing Life's Hurts (*) - **Fr. Michael Kennedy & Javier Stauring**
- 7-15 Welcoming and Valuing People with Mental Illness (*) - **Deacon Tom Lambert & Connie Rakitan**
- 7-16 Saved: An Overview of the Doctrine of Salvation (*) - **Dr. Josephine Lombardi**
- 7-17 Laugh – For God's Sake! (*) - **Rev. James Martin**
- 7-18 Go to Joseph (*) - **Bro. Michael McGrath & Cliff Petty**
- 7-19 "God blah, blah, blah. Church blah, blah, blah": Why Younger Generations Tune You Out and What You Must Do to Effectively Reach Them (*) - **Roy Petitfils**
- 7-20 Spirituality and the Universal Call to Holiness (repeat) (*) - **Fr. Timothy Radcliffe**
- 7-21 Vatican II: *Gaudium et Spes*: Engaging the World (*) - **Rev. Michael Raschko**
- 7-22 Breathing Under Water: The Gospel and Recovery (*) - **Fr. Richard Rohr**
- 7-23 A Rabbi and a Priest Explore a Spiritual Connection Through Film (*) - **Fr. Ron Schmidt & Rabbi Michael Berenbaum**
- 7-24 Ten Great Foundations of the Pro-life Position from Logic, Ethics and Justice Theory – Recapturing the Minds and Hearts of Our Nation (*) - **Fr. Robert Spitzer**
- 7-25 "We Are Not Peddlers of God's Word": Learning from St. Paul's Use of Scripture (*) - **Fr. Ronald Witherup**
- 7-70 Vietnamese Workshop (Death and Eternal Life: Catholic Teachings on Eschatological Issues) (*) - **Rev. Hy Nguyen**

PERIOD 8 – 1:00 - 2:30 PM

- 8-01 Weaving the Tapestry of Life and Liturgy and Liturgy and Life (*) - **Dr. Mary Amore**
- 8-02 From "The" Church to "My" Church: Growing in Discipleship (*) - **Rev. Lawrence Christian**
- 8-03 A New Religious Agenda: Less Talk About Church; More Talk About Faith (*) - **Rev. John Cusick**
- 8-04 New Approaches with the New Evangelization: "We'll Work With You" Rather Than "You Can't Come In Until You Do" (*) - **Fr. Ken Deasy**
- 8-05 Evangelization and Catechesis (*) - **Fr. Frank DeSiano**
- 8-06 Enter "The Mystery of Faith" That Will Usher in the Reign of God and Get us All the Glory! (*) - **Msgr. Ray East & Sr. Oralisa Martin**
- 8-07 Preparing Youth for Confirmation: Signed, Sealed and Delivered as Young Disciples (*) - **Tom East**
- 8-08 Understanding Salvation in Contemporary Times (*) - **Sr. Barbara Fiand**
- 8-09 Drama and Sacramental Preparation: A Doorway to the Mystery (*) - **Anne Frawley-Mangan**
- 8-10 RCIA: What Happens After the Easter Vigil? (*) - **Dr. Jerry Galipeau**
- 8-11 Jesus the Mystic: The Future of Mature Christian Spirituality (*) - **Richard Groves**
- 8-12 I Am Convinced: God, the Truth and You (*) - **Darrell Hall**
- 8-13 Cultivating Healthy Sexuality with Children (*) - **Dr. Timothy Hogan**
- 8-14 Mystery Unfolding Along the Way: Adult Faith Formation (*) - **Dr. Michael Horan**
- 8-15 Motivator, Model, Minister: Catechist, Who Do You Say You Are? (*) - **Dr. Sandra Kennedy**
- 8-16 A Rabbi Reads the Gospel of Matthew (*) - **Rabbi Michael Mayersohn**
- 8-17 Parish Youth Ministry: A New Map for a Changing Territory! (*) - **Robert McCarty**
- 8-18 "Now Get Out of Here": Lay People's Role in the Church (*) - **David O'Brien**
- 8-19 Ministry to the Ministers - **Dan Schutte**
- 8-20 The Traumatized Word: Were Some of the Writers of Scripture Traumatized? (*) - **Dr. Daniel Smith-Christopher**
- 8-21 Little Things Mean a Lot (*) - **Sr. Anne Bryan Smollin**
- 8-22 Make Sure Your Students Never Have to Say "Nobody Told Me" (*) - **Pam Stenzel**
- 8-23 Enter the Mystery – How to Turn Our Life into an Adventure the *Catholic* Way (*) - **David Wells**
- 8-24 The Methods and Miseries of the 100 Years' War (*) - **Fr. Thomas Weston**
- 8-70 Vietnamese Workshop (Faith Development of Vietnamese Youth in the United States) - **Hy Xuan Le**



YOU CAN FIND the Office Of Religious Education Booth at the center of Hall A.

🎧 and (*) are recorded sessions

LITURGIES/PRAYER SERVICES



THE LOS ANGELES Religious Education Congress continues to grow, and last year approximately 40,000 delegates attended. It remains the largest annual catechetical and liturgical gathering in the world.

Living in the gift, promise and spirit of the Second Vatican Council, our liturgies have also grown as they have embraced a wonderfully diverse church. We have worked diligently to inculturate the liturgy to authentically reflect the church of Los Angeles. Within the Los Angeles Archdiocese, liturgy is celebrated every Sunday in no fewer than 40 different languages.

Over the years, both the Congress choir and band have grown considerably in depth and membership. The Congress band today consists of approximately 40 instrumentalists and a choir of over 200 members representing six dioceses.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22

FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES (5:15 pm)

CHARACTER	PRESIDER	MUSIC
Misa del Pueblo	Archbishop José Gomez	Rubalcava / Betancourt
Hawaiian	Rev. Alapaki Kim	Joe Camacho / Marty Haugen
Healing: Renewing All of Creation	Rev. Richard Leonard	Jeanne Cotter / Tony Alonso
Nigerian	Rev. Ikechukwu Ikeocha	Nigerian Community
Urban Fusion: Celebration of Urban Culture	Rev. Gregory Boyle	Meredith Augustin
Vietnamese	Rev. Joseph Doan Nguyen	Vietnamese Community

FRIDAY PRAYER SERVICES (5:15 & 9:00 pm)

In addition to our liturgies, we offer non-Eucharistic evening prayer (vespers) and a later evening Taizé service. Taizé, named after the monastic order and city in France, uses silence and music that draws upon simple phrases from the psalms.

Evening Prayer (5:15 pm)	Yolanda Brown	Tom Kendzia
Taizé (9:00 pm)	—	David Anderson

SATURDAY – FEBRUARY 23

SATURDAY MORNING PRAISE (7:50 am)

CHARACTER	PRESIDER	MUSIC
Morning Praise	Tricia Hoyt	Estela García-López / Rudy López / John Angotti / Santiago Fernandez

SATURDAY EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES (5:15 pm)

Celtic	Msgr. Jarlath Cunnane	Liam Lawton
Eastern Rite	Most Rev. Gerald Dino	Eastern Rite Community
Filipino	Archbishop Luis Tagle	Filipino Community
Gospel	Msgr. Ray East	Val & Frank Jansen / Cliff Petty
Spanish/Mayan	Rev. Domingo Rodríguez	Peter Kolar
Young Adult	Msgr. Kevin Kostelnick	Jacob & Matthew w/ Danielle Rose

SATURDAY EVENING PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES (5:15 pm)

Our evening prayer will be the Stations of the Cross. There will also be time for Eucharistic adoration, where the Blessed Sacrament is exposed and adored by the faithful. Adoration is a sign of devotion to Jesus Christ, who is believed to be present body, blood, soul, and divinity, under the appearance of the consecrated host. The devotion is more than merely looking at the Blessed Host, but is believed to be a continuation of what was celebrated in the Eucharist.

Stations of the Cross (5:15 pm)	John Flaherty / Curtis Stephan
Adoration (7:00-9:00 pm) in Sacred Space	

SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 24

CHARACTER	PRESIDER	MUSIC
Morning Liturgy (8:00 am)	TBA	Congress Choir 2013
Closing Liturgy (3:30 pm)	Archbishop José Gomez	Congress Choir 2013

Asian and Pacific Presence: A Teaching Moment

Today, the Asian and Pacific communities in the United States – both those born in the United States and immigrants who came to the United States – span several generations. This tremendous increase in Asian and Pacific Catholics across the United States at the beginning of the third millennium is a teaching moment. It is also a teaching moment because of the welcoming spirit to which we are called in “The Church in America (Ecclesia in America)” and in the recent pastoral statement “Welcoming the Stranger Among Us: Unity in Diversity.” The Church in the United States is enjoined “to offer a genuine and suitable welcome [to newcomers], to share together as brothers and sisters at the same table, and to work side by side to improve the quality of life for society’s marginalized members.”

The Church is blessed with Asian and Pacific pastors, social workers, educators, diocesan directors and lay leaders who are actively and selflessly contributing to building the Kingdom of God in this country. The number of Asian and Pacific Catholics who have been given responsibility in church structures or are well-known in their fields of endeavor is growing.

Besides these living role models, Asian and Pacific Catholics come to the United States with a long heritage of extraordinary witness of life and martyrdom. The Church recently recognized many Asian saints and martyrs; however, the total number of saints and martyrs could fill an entire Asian and Pacific Litany of Saints.

– Asian and Pacific Presence, Harmony in Faith
U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2001



Assemblies

VIETNAMESE WORKSHOPS

- Friday, February 22**
 1-70 Fr. Joseph Doan Nguyen
 2-70 Fr. Thinh Duc Pham
 3-70 Hy Xuan Le
- Saturday, February 23**
 4-27 Archbishop Luis Tagle
 4-70 Fr. Thinh Duc Pham
 5-70 Fr. Hy Nguyen
 6-70 Fr. Joseph Doan Nguyen
- Sunday, February 24**
 7-70 Fr. Hy Nguyen
 8-70 Hy Xuan Le

ASIAN PERSPECTIVE

- Friday, February 22, 5:15 pm**
 LITURGY: Hawaiian
 Rev. Alapaki Kim, presider
- LITURGY: Vietnamese
 Rev. Joseph Doan Nguyen, presider
- Saturday, February 23, 5:15 pm**
 LITURGY: Filipino
 Archbishop Luis Tagle, presider

MULTICULTURAL EXHIBIT

Friday through Sunday
 Convention Center, 2nd Floor,
 Prefunction Lobby

The Religious Education Congress annually presents a Multicultural Exhibit, a collaborative effort with the Archdiocesan Ethnic (Multicultural) Ministry, to expose attendees to the diverse ethnic communities in the Los Angeles Archdiocese. You will find a variety of cultural and religious artifacts, expressions of faith or religious piety practices, stories of saints and martyrs, and a plethora of items from the cultures of Native America, Central and South America, Europe, Africa/African-American, and Asia. It’s a wonderful resource for catechists and all involved in faith formation processes. The exhibit is available throughout the weekend.

Young Adult Ministry at Congress 2013

A ministry to and with adults, ages 18 through 39, married and single

The Religious Education Congress welcomes young adults and those in ministry to young adults with a number of events on Saturday that are intentionally designed for this community. Establishing strong and vibrant ministries for young adults is one of the priorities of the Los Angeles Archdiocesan Synod. This weekend is a chance for young adults to be renewed and energized in their spiritual life and in their commitment to our church.



YOUNG ADULT LITURGY

Saturday, February 23 at 5:15 pm

Msgr. Kevin Kostelnik will preside at our Young Adult Liturgy with music led by The Jacob and Matthew Band with Danielle Rose! Come and worship with other young adults from around the world at this celebration that highlights the gifts of young adults.



YOUNG ADULT DANCE

Saturday, February 23, 9:00 pm - midnight

Cost: \$7 per person

This annual Congress tradition is a chance to meet new friends and reconnect with old. After a full day of workshops, networking and celebrating liturgy, our DJ will mix the beats to keep the party going into the night! All young adults 18 to 39 are welcome. ID required for admission.

WE INVITE YOU TO CONSIDER THESE YOUNG ADULT WORKSHOPS

The following workshops focus on young adult issues or may be of interest to young adults and those in ministry to young adults. Review this Registration Guidebook and our Web site for topics that meet your needs and interests. (Those marked by an asterisk will be recorded sessions.)

Rev. John Cusick

8-03*: A New Religious Agenda: Less Talk About Church; More Talk About Faith

Rev. Ken Deasy

8-04*: New Approaches with the New Evangelization: "We'll Work with You" Rather Than "You Can't Come in Until You Do"

Roy DeLeon

1-03*: Praying 24/7

Dr. Katherine DeVries

4-07*: Especially for Young Adults: Leadership Skills for Ministry and Beyond

7-06*: What's So Great About Theology-on-Tap?

Darrell Hall

5-14*: Science, Religion & Faith: The Challenge of Modern Atheism

8-12*: I Am Convinced: God, the Truth and You

Mark Hart

4-12*: Do Tell: Secrets to Teaching Scripture with Middle- and High-Schoolers

Amy Florian

1-07: The Trouble with Transitions

Rev. James Heft

4-13: Forming Conscience in a Polarizing Time

Rev. Terry Hershey

1-15*: Living Without Fear: The Truth About Intimacy, Love & Passion

4-15*: How to Be Me When the World Wants Me to Be Somebody Else

Rev. Richard Leonard

2-15: Why Bother Praying?

5-16: Movies to Pray By

Dr. Patricia McCormack

6-15*: Catholic Parents – Keepers of the Promise

Rev. James Martin

5-18: Learning to Pray

7-17: Laugh – For God's Sake!

Fr. J. Patrick Mullen

5-21: "Two Shall Become One Flesh": The Bible on Marriage

David O'Brien

6-17*: "Reaching Young Adults: Reclaiming the "Lost" Generation"

Jennifer Owens

5-22*: A Covenant for All Generations: Building an Intergenerational Church

Congress 2013 offers workshops on a wide variety of topics. This listing of workshops, categorized by ministry and areas of interest, has been compiled to assist you in making your workshop choices. Many workshops may overlap in content and will be found in more than one category. Not all workshops are represented.

Check our www.RECongress.org Web site for updates as well as the category listings of speakers by topics. **Note: Asterisks indicate recorded workshop sessions.**

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Confirmation

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Gay/Lesbian Ministry

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I-01 PARISH LIFE DIRECTOR TRACK 🎧

“Parish Life Director” or “PLD” – When you hear that term, do you wonder what it means? Join us on Friday, February 22 for a full day of workshops, discussions, networking and prayer as we look at this role of the PLD: lay women and men who are given the overall pastoral care of a parish in the absence of a priest pastor. They are an important part of the lay ecclesial ministers serving our Church today. A panel of presenters will inform us of the possibilities in this field and give those of us already serving, challenging input. (Please make sure to also select Sessions 2-01 and 3-01.)



Bishop Gerald E. Wilkerson

A native of Des Moines, Iowa, Gerald Wilkerson was ordained a priest for the Los Angeles Archdiocese in 1965 by Cardinal James McIntyre. He served at three parishes before becoming Pastor at Our Lady of Grace Church in Encino, Calif., for 15 years. In 1996, Bishop Wilkerson was named Auxiliary Bishop of the Los Angeles Archdiocese for the San Fernando Region. He has served on a variety of committees for the archdiocese and for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, and is currently President of the California Catholic Conference of Bishops.



Edward P. Hahnenberg, PhD

Dr. Edward Hahnenberg is the Breen Chair in Catholic Systematic Theology at John Carroll University in Cleveland. He is the author of three books – “Ministries: A Relational Approach,” “A Concise Guide to the Documents of Vatican II,” and “Awakening Vocation: A Theology of Christian Call.” Dr. Hahnenberg is past consultant to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Subcommittee on Lay Ministry and current delegate to the U.S. Lutheran-Catholic Dialogue.



Rev. Richard Vega

Fr. Richard Vega, a priest of the Los Angeles Archdiocese, is currently Pastor at St. Frances of Rome Parish in Azusa, Calif. From 2006-2012, he served as President of the National Federation of Priests Councils. Fr. Vega was pastor of La Purisima Concepcion in Lompoc, Calif., after serving as a parochial vicar in the Los Angeles Archdiocese from 1983 to 1994. He has been a presenter for the Offices of Divine Worship, Religious Education, and Youth in both Los Angeles and Chicago.



Jeffrey S. Siker

Since 1987, Dr. Jeffrey Siker has taught at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles as Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity in the Department of Theological Studies, where he has served as Graduate Director and as Chair of the Department. He is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and teaches widely throughout the region at churches and varied settings, including several appearances at the L.A. Congress. Author of several books, Dr. Siker’s most recent work is entitled “President Obama, the Bible, and Political Rhetoric.”

I-02 THE MEANING AND DEVELOPMENT OF CONSCIENCE

This workshop will address the meaning and development of conscience in terms of a Catholic understanding of the subject. Specific points will be made in terms of teaching this subject clearly and well, with particular attention to The Catechism of the Catholic Church and *Veritatis Splendor*, John Paul II’s encyclical on the Church’s role in moral teaching.



Gerald D. Coleman, SS

Sulpician Fr. Gerald Coleman is Vice President of the Daughters of Charity Health System in Northern California. He is also an Adjunct Professor at Santa Clara University, and formerly served as President and Rector at St. Patrick Seminary & University in Menlo Park, Calif. Fr. Coleman has spoken widely in the United States on moral, pastoral and medical concerns and is a frequent presenter at the L.A. Congress.



Roy Espiritu DeLeon, ObISB

Roy DeLeon, an Oblate of St. Benedict, is a spiritual director and certified yoga instructor. He represented his community, St. Placid Priory in Lacey, Wash., at the First World Congress of Benedictine Oblates in Rome, Italy in 2005. He wrote and illustrated “Praying with the Body: Bringing the Psalms to Life.” DeLeon teaches an ongoing Blessed Movements prayer session and conducts workshops at churches, monasteries and retreat centers. He works as a graphic designer with a consulting engineering firm and resides in the Pacific Northwest with his wife, Annie.

I-03 PRAYING 24/7 🎧

Praying can be defined as being with God. This workshop will explore the many ways we can pray, to be with God at all times and in all ways. We will look into “personal, private room” prayers to prayer tools you can use while you’re going about your daily activities. The session will offer ways of prayer practiced by saints, devotees and followers of the teachings of Jesus. Perhaps, by knowing and using these tools of prayer, we will experience every inhale as “alleluia” and every exhale as “amen.” Praying 24/7 helps us to “Enter the Mystery” and stay there.

I-04 ENTER THE MYSTERY: JOB AND THE SILENCE OF GOD 🎧

Job, a person familiar with pain and suffering, cries out to God: “Teach me, and I will be silent; make me understand how I have gone wrong” (Job 6:24). And yet, God remains silent time and time again in the face of Job’s most desperate moments. This workshop invites participants to explore the Book of Job and to Enter the Mystery of God’s silence. How are we to understand divine silence in the face of pain and suffering?



Carol J. Dempsey, OP, PhD

Dr. Carol Dempsey is a Professor of Theology (Biblical Studies) at the University of Portland, Ore., where she teaches graduate and undergraduate students. A renown lecturer and scholar both nationally and internationally, Dr. Dempsey has authored and edited five books, edited four and published numerous articles and papers. Her latest work is entitled “Reading the Bible, Transforming Conflict.”

I-05 ENTER THE MYSTERY: WITNESS THE WAY

We are familiar with witnesses in court placing their hand on the Bible. As disciples, we “touch” Scripture, but what else must we “touch” in order to Enter the Mystery? What can guide our journey and help us to recalculate when necessary? And how, in this Year of Faith with the call to the New Evangelization, do we invite others to Enter the Mystery?

**Carole Eipers, DMin**

Dr. Carole Eipers is Vice President, Executive Director of Catechetics for William H. Sadler, Inc. She served in parish ministries for over 20 years as a teacher, director of religious education, youth minister and pastoral associate. Dr. Eipers also served as Director of the Office for Catechesis for the Chicago Archdiocese for nine years and also served as President of the National Conference of Catechetical Leadership. She has made presentations internationally and has been published in the area of catechetics. Her book is entitled “Sending Out Roots: Helping Parents and Teachers to Share the Faith.”

I-06 THE LIVING JESUS IN OUR EXPERIENCES OF LOVE, JOY, NEED, FEAR, SORROW AND ANGER: A SPIRITUALITY

In this special interest session, Fr. Bob Fabing will explore Christ’s Presence in our everyday experiences and focus on how to live these with Christ personally present, praying for us each moment of our day. Fr. Fabing will touch upon his experience as a marriage and family therapist and spiritual director as a source for our finding this sense of support and consolation in our emotional journey.

**Robert Fabing, SJ**

Fr. Bob Fabing founded The Jesuit Institute for Family Life International Network, which has 89 marriage counseling and family therapy centers located in Europe, Africa, Asia, Central America and the United States. The Jesuit priest is also founder and Director of the 36-Day program in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola at the Jesuit Retreat Center in Los Altos, Calif., where he lives. Fr. Fabing is author of five books and a composer of 12 CDs of liturgical music.

I-07 THE TROUBLE WITH TRANSITIONS

Transitions happen any time you leave behind a person, thing, or world to move into another – a change in pastor, a new job, the end of a relationship, losing an ability you once had, the death of a loved one, retiring, becoming an empty nester – the list goes on. It doesn’t even matter if the move is positive or negative, we still grieve for what we left behind. How can you better cope with transitions, especially the tough ones? How can you help your parish, ministry, family and friends? Come learn what you need to know about the grief involved in these difficult times so you and those you care about can come out the other side with wholeness, healing and peace.

**Amy Florian**

Amy Florian is a liturgy and bereavement consultant, instructor in a graduate ministry program, and CEO of Corgenius, a company that teaches professionals how to support grieving clients. She has 30 years of parish and conference experience, and has authored over 90 articles and two books. Florian is on the adjunct faculties at Loyola University of Chicago, Dominican University and St. Xavier University, and her workshops, training sessions and retreats span the country, at national, regional and local conferences.

I-08 DIVINE WONDER: THE SACRAMENTS AS A JOYFUL SURRENDER AND REBIRTH INTO THE MYSTERY OF LOVE

The theme for this year’s Congress, “Enter the Mystery,” is inspired by the Transfiguration of Christ. Let us climb the mountain with Peter, James and John and savor the divine wonder of the sacramental mystery. Learn how to take the “mountain” of encounter with Christ, with you, wherever you go.

**Rev. Richard N. Fragomeni**

Richard Fragomeni, a priest of the Diocese of Albany, N.Y., is Associate Professor of Liturgy and Homiletics, and Chair of the Department of Word and Worship at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. In addition to his teaching, preaching and other duties, he serves as spiritual director for the Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii in Chicago’s Little Italy. Fr. Fragomeni has written on a wide variety of topics; his latest works include “Blessed Art Thou: Mother, Lady, Mystic” and “At the Name of Jesus: The Way, The Truth, The Light,” with Bro. Michael O’Neill McGrath.

I-09 ON THE ROAD WITH LUKE: THE DRAMA OF THE JOURNEY

In this year of Luke’s Gospel, come and join Anne Frawley-Mangan in this interactive and fun workshop! You will discover practical ways to help children engage with this Scripture by involving their mind, body and spirit through the creative process of drama. Be prepared to move, play and enjoy!

**Anne Frawley-Mangan**

For over 20 years, Anne Frawley-Mangan has been Creative Director of Litmus Productions in Brisbane, Australia, where she writes and publishes drama and music resources for use in education and liturgy. Frawley-Mangan, who teaches Speech and Proclamation at Holy Spirit Seminary, Brisbane, presents workshops and keynote addresses in Australia, New Zealand and North America. Her works include “Mark My Words: Dramas From Mark’s Gospel” and other titles with Michael Mangan.

CONGRESS TRIVIA:

Congress boasts a handbell group “tucked away” among the instrumentalists that plays at the Opening Rite and Closing Liturgies at Congress in the Arena.

I-10 DOES A SHARED DOCTRINAL TEACHING AUTHORITY HAVE AN ECUMENICAL FUTURE? 🗣️

In 2005, a French ecumenical group known as the *Groupe des Dombes* issued a document in which they considered divisions between Catholics and Protestants regarding the need for a doctrinal teaching authority (what Catholics call the Magisterium). This presentation will explore the group's unique approach to ecumenical issues and the challenges their document presents for the Catholic Church's own understanding and exercise of doctrinal teaching authority.



Dr. Richard Gaillardetz

Dr. Richard Gaillardetz is the Joseph McCarthy Professor of Catholic Systematic Theology at Boston College. He is a popular public speaker who has written over 100 pastoral and academic articles and has authored or edited 10 books. His works include "Keys to the Council" (co-authored with Catherine Clifford) and he edited "When the Magisterium Intervenes." Dr. Gaillardetz is currently President-Elect of the Catholic Theological Society of America.

I-11 EVANGELIZATION AND YOUNG PEOPLE 🗣️

The young generation of today is desperate for hope, love and unconditional acceptance. In this workshop, Fr. Rob Galea will explore ways in which we can reach out to this generation in relevant ways in parish or school settings or on an individual level.



Fr. Rob Galea

Singer/songwriter Fr. Rob Galea, an ordained Catholic priest, serves in Shepparton, Victoria, Australia. In addition to his series of recordings and four CD releases, Fr. Galea has also written a number of songs for various campaigns and international conferences. He is co-founder of "Stronger," a youth program with a series of retreats, rallies and small group meetings that take place around the Diocese of Sandhurst, Perth, Australia. Fr. Galea has appeared on several TV and radio shows in Malta, Canada and Australia and at the past two World Youth Days.

I-12 APPRENTICESHIP AND CATECHESIS: FORMATION IN THE RCIA 🗣️

The apprenticeship model is the Church's preferred method of formation in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Apprenticeship is more than just a series of "field trips" for catechumens and candidates. Discover practical ways that catechesis flows into and out of simple apprenticeship activities. This is truly a "learning by doing" model for your RCIA process!



Dr. Jerry Galipeau

Dr. Jerry Galipeau is Vice President and Chief Publishing Officer at World Library Publications in Franklin Park, Ill. He is past Chair of the Board of Directors for the North American Forum on the Catechumenate and has authored numerous publications and presented keynotes and workshops at all major Catholic liturgical and catechetical conferences and diocesan conferences in the United States and Canada. He blogs and is author of "Gathered to Serve" and editor of "The Impact of the RCIA."

I-13 GOD, SUFFERING AND CONVERSION 🗣️

At some point, all of us – as human beings – are touched by suffering. It may be our own or that of someone we love, but each and every one of us will encounter it. Times of fiscal uncertainty, workplace distress, mid-life disillusionment, prolonged illness and experiences of loss can create within us a sense of unending struggle. Broken and isolated, we find it hard to hold on to ourselves, let alone God. This session will address the process of conversion of heart (*metanoia*); that is, the means by which God engages suffering as a tool for our spiritual growth. It will offer from Christian tradition practical suggestions and spiritual tools for living through suffering.



Dr. Greer G. Gordon

Dr. Greer Gordon is a Roman Catholic theologian, author and lecturer known for her teaching, publications and work in the fields of evangelization and catechesis. She has served on the faculties at the University of Massachusetts and at Regis College in Weston, Mass., and has been a diocesan director in cities across the country. Dr. Gordon was one of eight American women invited by the Vatican to respond to Pope John Paul II's Encyclical on Women. A frequent speaker at the L.A. Congress, Dr. Gordon has delivered both a keynote and Sunday morning address.

I-14 THE TRINITARIAN MYSTERY 🗣️

This workshop will examine some of the recent developments in the doctrine of the Trinity. It will explore the way in which the mystery of the Trinity has been recovered and its significance for Christian life – personal and ecclesial.



James Hanvey, SJ

Jesuit Fr. James Hanvey taught at the University of London's Heythrop College, where he founded and was Director of the Heythrop Institute for Religion, Ethics and Society. He also worked as the theological consultant to the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. Fr. Hanvey is currently the Lo Schiavo Chair in Catholic Social Thought at the University of San Francisco's Joan and Ralph Lane Center. He is working on a new book, and has contributed chapters to various forthcoming publications on human dignity and the anniversary of Vatican II.

I-15 LIVING WITHOUT FEAR: THE TRUTH ABOUT INTIMACY, LOVE AND PASSION 🗣️

The truth is that intimacy has little to do with the other person. Most of us don't want intimacy, we want security; because intimacy is about openness, vulnerability and risk. And vulnerability can hurt. What do we desire in our relationships? And why do we settle for less? Why do we give up a part of ourselves for security? Is it possible to love someone even with doubts, mystery and upheaval? Is it possible to find a relationship with someone who is afraid of intimacy? How do we nourish our inner life – and find strength even when trust is betrayed? How do we practice a love built on a foundation of kindness, appreciation, sensitivity and attention?

**Rev. Terry Hershey**

Terry Hershey, founder of Hershey & Associates, is an inspirational speaker, humorist, author and landscape designer who lives on Vashon Island, near Seattle. His gardens and books have been featured in magazines and newspapers of the Pacific Northwest, and his work has been featured on CNN, PBS and NPR. The Protestant minister divides his time between designing sanctuary gardens, speaking at numerous events every year throughout the United States and Canada, and writing resources, blogs and books. Hershey's newest book is "The Power of Pause."

I-16 LET'S TALK: BRINGING BOTH SIDES IN PARISH TOGETHER 🗣️

Today's world and today's parishes can often be splintered by differing points of view about everything from how we celebrate liturgy, to how we stand up for justice, to what we should say about world events. We in the church should not reflect the polarization that we find in politics and business. We should model the spirit of Christ. How can we approach one another with charity, honesty and love? How can we create parish structures and programs that reflect the best of what it means to be truly Catholic? Entering the mystery of faith calls us to no less! Bill Huebsch will provide practical models and examples we can follow to do this at home.

**Bill Huebsch**

Bill Huebsch is Director of PastoralPlanning.com, the online Pastoral Center at Twenty-Third Publications, where he formerly served as President. He worked as diocesan administrator for many years in Minnesota. Huebsch later served as DRE in a suburban Minneapolis parish. He has many published works, including "Growing Up Catholic," "Growing Faith," "Dreams and Visions," and his most recent work, "Come to the Table / Ven a la Mesa." Huebsch has spoken to thousands of people over the span of his career both nationally and internationally.

I-17 KINGDOM OF GOD COMMITMENTS: SEVEN WORLD-CHANGING EXPRESSIONS OF FAITH 🗣️

There are many ways that faith gets practically expressed in the life of discipleship and in the Church's social mission. This presentation will look at seven challenging and sometimes underemphasized dimensions of discipleship: simplicity, commitment to those who are poor, forgiveness, resistance, nonviolence, voluntary displacement, and martyrdom. We will look at each of these expressions, some of the saints who embodied them, and what their spiritual and practical meaning might be for us in the 21st century.

**Jack Jezreel**

Jack Jezreel spent six years in a Catholic Worker community before turning his attention to transformative education. He is the original author of JustFaith and now serves as Chief Executive Officer of JustFaith Ministries. For the last 12 years, Jezreel has given about 40 presentations and workshops per year, including keynote addresses, continuing education for priests, deacons and diocesan staff, and parish or regional conventions. He was the keynote speaker at the 2011 Los Angeles Congress.

I-18 WHERE GOD HIDES

This workshop explores in word and song how we can bring spiritual awakening and consolation into our lives in every circumstance – taking inspiration from the book of Ecclesiastes: "There is a time for everything under the sun."

**Fr. Liam Lawton**

Liam Lawton is a priest of the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin, Ireland, where he serves as Director of Music. He has recorded 15 collections of music and has written two books; his latest, "Where God Hides," was just recently published. Fr. Lawton's music has been translated into many languages and he has recorded two PBS specials. Lawton has presented at conferences in Europe and across the United States and is a regular presenter at the L.A. Congress.

I-19 FINDING YOUR MINISTERIAL "COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE" 🗣️

There is much talk these days about the rise of social learning due to the many social media tools that shape the way we work, learn, share and relate. However, social learning isn't new. We have always learned with others in small and large groups. If we want to stay fresh and current in our ministry practices, we must be part a "community of ministerial practice." This workshop will help participants reflect on how they can seek out, contribute to, and start communities of "ministerial practice" at local and national levels – regardless of whether they gather face-to-face or virtually.

**Charlotte McCorquodale, PhD**

Originally from Lake Charles, La., Dr. Charlotte McCorquodale is President of Ministry Training Source, based in Baton Rouge, La. Her professional career in Catholic youth ministry and lay ecclesial ministry has spanned three decades, serving in parish, school, diocesan and university ministry settings. Dr. McCorquodale serves as an international educator, researcher and consultant in the fields of lay ecclesial ministry, certification standards and processes, youth ministry and e-learning.

I-20 MENTORS AND MODELS FOR THE SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

Two of the greatest needs of any culture are good teachers (mentors) and good witnesses (models). This session will look at several individuals who point the way and who deserve our emulation.

**Bishop Robert F. Morneau**

Bishop Robert Morneau is an Auxiliary Bishop and Vicar General for the Diocese of Green Bay, Wis. In addition to his duties as a diocesan bishop, he is Pastor of Resurrection Parish in Green Bay. Bishop Morneau has taught at the college level for over 12 years, and has authored more than 12 books, including a book on poetry (one of his passions). He has held many committee positions in the National Council of Catholic Bishops, including the Chairman for Priestly Life and Ministry, Chairman of the Laity, and as a committee member of Catholic Relief Services.

I-21 SPIRITUALITY AND THE UNIVERSAL CALL TO HOLINESS 🗣️

Drawing upon our rich, spiritual tradition of prayer, worship and contemplation, this workshop will inspire participants and enable them to deepen their relationship with God, while nourishing their life of discipleship which flows from their baptismal commitment. (This workshop is repeated as Session 7-20.)



Timothy Radcliffe, OP

Timothy Radcliffe joined the Dominicans in 1965, taught Scripture at Blackfriars Hall at the University of Oxford, England, before being elected Provincial of the English Province of the Dominicans in 1988, and Master of the Order of Preachers in 1992 until 2001. Presently, he is an itinerant lecturer who has preached and lectured in over a hundred countries. Fr. Radcliffe received the Michael Ramsey Prize for theological writing in 2007 and is a Sarum Canon of Salisbury Cathedral in Britain. His books include "Sing a New Song" and "Seven Last Words," among others.

I-22 SPIRITUALITY AS NON-NEGOTIABLE FOR EVERYONE: THE SOUL WILL HAVE ITS SAY! 🗣️

Few things are as misunderstood as spirituality. We tend to think of it as either exotic or as something for the elite. Certainly we think of it as negotiable, as something we can enter into or not. But spirituality is what we do with the deep desires, the holy longings, within our soul. Our souls will have their say! Everyone has spirituality. This session will attempt to ground spirituality in what lies deepest in us, namely, our desire, our eros, our holy longing.



Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, OMI

Fr. Ron Rolheiser, a Roman Catholic priest and member of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, is President of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio. He is a community builder, lecturer and writer. Fr. Rolheiser's books are popular throughout the English-speaking world, and his weekly column is carried by more than 60 newspapers worldwide. For over 30 years of his priesthood, he taught theology and philosophy at Newman Theological College in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

I-23 MUSIC DOES NOT CAUSE TEEN PROBLEMS; IT IS TELLING US WHAT THEY ARE GOING THROUGH. ARE YOU LISTENING? IT'S EASIER THAN YOU THINK 🗣️

You do not need to be an expert in their music to use it; you just need to be open. To reach people in any culture we need to use the images and issues of that culture. Popular music is a great way to raise issues and reach young people where they are. We'll also explore stress areas that can occur in youth ministry and ways to solve these crucial areas. This is a very helpful workshop, loaded with ideas that really work!



Anna Scally

Anna Scally is President of Cornerstone Media, where she is a columnist for their Top Music Countdown and host of their audio show, "Burning Issues." She has received the National Youth Ministry Performer, Artist and Author of the Year awards from the National Federation of Catholic Youth Ministry. Scally has made over 2,300 public presentations at youth rallies, training events, retreats and adult education days, as well as major conferences for religious educators in North America.

I-24 CHALLENGING TEENS TO OLD TESTAMENT THINKING 🗣️

In this workshop, we will discuss a variety of issues raised by serious Old Testament analysis that are of particular significance and importance to today's teens. Why should the Old Testament be an important part of a Catholic high school education? We will discuss a variety of provocative themes intended to engage and challenge both students *and* teachers!



Prof. Daniel Smith-Christopher

Dr. Daniel Smith-Christopher has taught for 21 years at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, where he is Professor of Old Testament Studies and Director of Peace Studies. He has been honored with numerous awards for research and teaching. Dr. Christopher has published dozens of scholarly articles and over 14 books. He has spoken at the RECongress for the past 16 years, in addition to Catholic conferences in Las Vegas and Salt Lake City.

I-25 ENTER THE MYSTERY – HOW TO MAKE DECISIONS THE CATHOLIC WAY 🗣️

In Robert Frost's beautiful poem, "The Road Not Taken," he speaks of "two roads diverge in a yellow wood" and sorrow that he could not "travel both." What happens when life presents us with choices, the consequence of which we can't truly calculate? We know there will be blessings in both ways, but what of the risks? Do we enter in, or seek another route? In this session we will look to the wisdom of our tradition to help us to understand how to make decisions. We will then apply these principles to our lives to see if we can make sense of the choices that come our way. This session is for anyone who occasionally pleads with God for direction and finds it difficult to hear the answer!



David Wells

David Wells began his career as a senior high school teacher before becoming an adult education adviser in the Diocese of Nottingham, England, and an adviser to the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. Presently, he is Director of Religious Education in the Plymouth Diocese. Wells has spoken at more than 300 conferences worldwide and guest lectures in three English universities. He has written numerous articles both in the U.K. and in the United States, and wrote and presented the series "You, Your Children and Their Catholic Faith."

I-26 CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND CATECHESIS: SPEAKING THE LEARNER'S LANGUAGE ☪

How can we make sure we are really reaching our learners? What steps can we take to ensure we are presenting the faith in the most engaging and understandable way possible? This workshop, presented by a clinical child psychologist and catechetical author, will focus on stages of cognitive, social, identity and moral development and their impact on developmentally appropriate catechesis. Specific recommendations will be offered for meeting the needs of learners at every age and stage.

**Dr. Joseph D. White**

Dr. Joseph White is a clinical child psychologist and National Catechetical Consultant for Our Sunday Visitor Publishing and Curriculum. He previously served as Director of Family Counseling and Family Life for the Diocese of Austin. Dr. White has taught courses in catechetics and pastoral guidance at the University of Dallas and at the University of St. Thomas in Houston. He is a frequent keynote speaker and popular workshop presenter at national and diocesan conferences. He has appeared on several national Catholic radio shows and maintains a blog on catechesis.

I-27 THE PILGRIM'S WAY: SETTING DIRECTION FOR A FUTURE LIFE

In this session, David Whyte will look at the great questions of human life through the eyes of the pilgrim: someone passing through relatively quickly, someone looking for the biggest context they can find or imagine, someone dependent upon hospitality from friends and strangers alike, someone who needs to ask for visible and invisible help as the destination changes, step by step, subject to the vagaries of wind and weather along the way. The theme of internal resilience – the necessity for following a certain star not seen or perceived by anyone else – and the way an internal migration can keep our outward journey in the world relevant and true will be explored.

**David Whyte**

Poet and lecturer, David Whyte, a native of Yorkshire, England, is author of six volumes of poetry and three books of prose, and most recently, a book entitled, "Pilgrim." He is one of the few poets to take his perspectives on creativity into the field of organizational development, where he works with American and international companies offering lectures and workshops. Whyte has traveled extensively, speaking to large and small audiences for more than two decades. He now lives with his family in the Pacific Northwestern United States.

I-28 EVERYONE'S CALLED TO GOD'S TABLE, EVEN THE ONES WHO CAN'T SIT STILL IN THEIR SEATS ☪

An understanding of Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) and the children diagnosed with this condition will help teachers and catechists evangelize them and their families more effectively. Dr. Wojtaszek-Healy will share insights to manage behaviors and enjoy the gifts these children have.

**Madonna Wojtaszek-Healy**

Dr. Madonna Wojtaszek-Healy is a seasoned catechist and Catholic schoolteacher, who teaches at St. Mary Immaculate Parish School in Plainfield, Ill. Her own children have Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and Asperger's syndrome, so she has insight into behavior management and faith formation ... and a wry sense of humor. She has spoken at national principals and special needs conferences, as well as diocesan gatherings. Her book is titled the "The ABC's of ADD for Catechists"

I-70 CẦU NGUYỆN, CHÌA KHÓA VẠN NĂNG ĐỂ Đİ VÀO MÀU NHIỆM ☪

Thiên chúa là MÀU NHIỆM. Thiên Chúa bao gồm chúng ta vào trong màu nhiệm của Ngài qua kế hoạch tạo dựng và cứu chuộc tự đời đời trong Đức Kitô: "Màu nhiệm thánh ý Thiên Chúa" (Ep 1,9). Cầu nguyện là chìa khóa vạn năng để vào trong màu nhiệm, cả màu nhiệm Thiên Chúa lẫn màu nhiệm thánh ý Thiên Chúa. Sách Tin Mừng theo Thánh Luca công hiến cho chúng ta gương mẫu và giáo huấn về cầu nguyện của Chúa Giêsu để chỉ dẫn cho chúng ta biết sử dụng chìa khóa vạn năng này.

PRAYER: THE MASTER KEY TO ENTER THE MYSTERY ☪

God is THE MYSTERY. He extends his mystery to us by his eternal project of creation and salvation in Christ: "The mystery of his will" (Ep. 1:9). Prayer is the master key to Enter the Mystery, both of God and of his will. The Gospel of Luke offers the example and the teaching of Jesus to show us how to use this master key.

**Cha Giuse Nguyễn Công Doan, SJ
Joseph Doan Công Nguyen, SJ**

Cha Giuse Nguyễn Công Doan, SJ, vào tháng 4 năm 1975 được Cha Bề Trên Cả Dòng Tên phái về Việt Nam làm bề trên. Ngài cố vấn cho Đức Cha Bình, và đi tù hơn một thập niên, rồi về La-Mã làm phụ tá cho Cha Bề Trên Cả đặc trách Viễn Đông. Hiện ngài là bề trên trường Thánh Kinh Giáo Hoàng tại Jerusalem.

Jesuit priest Fr. Joseph Nguyễn Công Doan was sent in 1975 from the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome to the Jesuit region in Vietnam as its first Vietnamese superior. After a dozen years in jail, he returned to Rome to become Regional Assistant to the Father-General for East Asia and Oceania, and is now Director of the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Jerusalem.



2-01 PARISH LIFE DIRECTOR TRACK

Bishop Gerald E. Wilkerson, Rev. Richard Vega, Edward P. Hahnenberg, PhD and Jeffrey S. Siker

“Parish Life Director” or “PLD” – When you hear that term, do you wonder what it means? Join us on Friday, February 22 for a full day of workshops, discussions, networking and prayer as we look at this role of the PLD: lay women and men who are given the overall pastoral care of a parish in the absence of a priest pastor. They are an important part of the lay ecclesial ministers serving our Church today. A panel of presenters will inform us of the possibilities in this field and give those of us already serving, challenging input. (Please make sure to also select Sessions 1-01 and 3-01.)

2-02 BLOCKS, DRESS-UPS AND MAKE BELIEVE: THE POWER OF PLAY IN THE FAITH FORMATION OF YOUNG CHILDREN

Play is powerful at all stages of development and learning, but is especially important in the faith formation of young children. Play provides opportunities to learn and practice new concepts and skills. Play inspires children to act out stories, and in turn, provides opportunities for children to make meaning of their world. In this session, participants will learn how to create a play-based faith formation program that helps young children come to understand the wonders of God’s love.



Dr. Shauna M. Adams

Dr. Shauna Adams is an Associate Professor of Early Childhood at the University of Dayton in Ohio, where she is also Executive Director of the Center for Early Learning. With a background as a special education teacher, she now presents at national education conventions, including the National Catholic Educational Association. Dr. Adams co-authored RCL Benziger’s early childhood and kindergarten programs titled “Stories of God’s Love.”

2-03 THE BATTLE FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN THE 21ST CENTURY

The defense of religious freedom has unquestionably become the premier social and political concern of the Catholic Church in the 21st century. A rising tide of restrictions on religion is sweeping around the world, and Christians are often the primary victims of these threats in a growing number of global hotspots. Veteran journalist John Allen surveys the landscape and offers some ideas on what an effective Catholic response to this transcendent challenge might look like, from the Vatican’s role in geopolitics to the local parish.



John L. Allen, Jr.

John Allen is the Senior Correspondent for the National Catholic Reporter and Senior Vatican Analyst for CNN. The internationally known speaker on Catholic affairs is author of six best-selling books, and he writes frequently on the Church for major national and international publications. Allen also writes a weekly Internet column called “All Things Catholic.” He divides his time between Rome and his home in Denver.

2-04 I SHALL LIVE: SINGING THE GREAT THREE DAYS

The entire Christian year flows out of and back to the three days of the Easter Triduum. This session will provide a musical and spiritual reflection through the liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil, drawing upon melodies and writings ever ancient and ever new. Find inspiration to Enter the Mystery of the great three days with deeper insight and greater understanding.



Tony Alonso

Tony Alonso’s contemporary liturgical music appears in compilations and hymnals throughout the world. He is a presenter at liturgy, music and theology conferences around the globe. Alonso’s latest publications include “I Shall Rise: Music for the Paschal Triduum” and “The Lyric Psalter: Revised Grail Lectionary Psalms” with Marty Haugen. The former Director of Music at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles is currently a doctoral candidate focusing on liturgical and ritual studies in the Graduate Division of Religion at Emory University in Atlanta.

2-05 JOB: THE ‘NOW’ TESTAMENT

Why do bad things happen to good people? This is life’s perennial question. Through music and storytelling, John Angotti and cast will share the life journey of Job, weaving together new insights and contemporary reflections on the mystery of suffering. This session concludes with a celebration of renewed faith and joy, even in the midst of sorrow.



John Angotti

Based in Memphis, Tenn., John Angotti is a full-time music missionary who travels around the world presenting concerts, workshops, retreats, missions, conferences and worship. With many appearances at all the national youth conferences and two World Youth Days, he is a frequent presenter at regional and diocesan conferences in the United States and abroad. Angotti is an accomplished composer, with numerous CDs and music collections with World Library Publications. The completion of his rock-opera “Job: The NOW Testament” is his latest endeavor.

2-06 THE POWER OF PRAYER: TEN WAYS TO PRAY WITH CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Good prayer fosters and nourishes faith. This workshop will unpack great ideas, model various prayer formats, and celebrate Catholic symbols and rituals. You will come away with 10 practical suggestions that will engage children and their families, while encouraging them in their lifelong relationship with a loving God.



Nancy Bird

Nancy Bird has been involved in religious education for over 30 years as a catechist, parish catechetical leader and youth minister. She has been a featured speaker across the country, including invitations to the National Catholic Educational Association, the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership and many other international and diocesan events. Presently, she serves as Division Manager for RCL Benziger Religion Publishing Company and resides in Tallmadge, Ohio.

2-07 DANCING THE MYSTERIUM TREMENDUM 🗣️

The story of creation invites us to imagine God's tremendous act of artistry setting mystery into motion. Here's a further invitation: Explore God's creation in the artistry of your own being! Through the gift of James Weldon Johnson's beloved poem, "The Creation," come dance your way into mystery. Let your body lead you to discover stars and surprise, loneliness and longing, antelopes and aardvarks, and the intimate joy of your own birthing in the sweep of divine play.

**Betsey Beckman, MM**

Betsey Beckman is a liturgical movement artist, storyteller, spiritual director and retreat leader based in Seattle. With her extensive background in performance, movement therapy, ministry and InterPlay, she regularly appears as artist/presenter at national conventions and also directs movement ministry at St. Patrick, her home parish. Beckman's recent releases include the book, "Awakening the Creative Spirit: Bringing the Arts to Spiritual Direction" and "The Dancing Word" DVD series.

**Laura Ash**

Laura Ash is Music Director at St. Patrick Parish in Seattle, where she has supported the ministry of movement (with Betsey Beckman) for over 20 years. Laura and her husband, David, have composed and published three albums of liturgical music and have created music for numerous liturgical dance offerings, including "The Dancing Word" DVD series.

2-08 SONGS OF SCRIPTURE: DEEPENING CHILDREN'S UNDERSTANDING OF GOD'S WORD 🗣️

Looking for some creative and inspiring ideas for sharing Scripture with children? Using the gift of song, internationally renowned artist John Burland will share new music that brings both Old and New Testament Scripture alive for elementary children. These foundational Scriptures presented in a creative yet prayerful context tell the story of salvation history in song. Come ready to raise your voice as we celebrate God's Word through age appropriate, easy-to-learn songs of Scripture!

**John Burland**

John Burland is an educator and composer of religious music for children and adults. He is the Project Officer-Liturgy/Music for the Catholic Education Office in Sydney, Australia, and a workshop presenter, composer and touring musician for Our Sunday Visitor Curriculum Division. Burland has worked as a classroom teacher, assistant principal and religious education coordinator for over 20 years in school and parish communities. He is a regular speaker at conventions and gatherings across Australia, New Zealand and North America.

2-09 BULLYING: A CATHOLIC RESPONSE FOR EDUCATORS 🗣️

This workshop will explore a practical overview of the highly complex bullying dynamic and a unique Catholic response to the problem. Frank DiLallo will introduce the first-ever Scripture- and evidenced-based curriculum for Catholic school educators. Learn how to create

a compassionate formation program grounded in Scripture, ethics and theology, including well-researched bullying prevention theory. Steeped in Gospel guidelines, educators and parish leaders will be equipped with practical faith-based applications and skill sets for effective classroom implementation. Come learn about this new Christ-centered approach to eliminating bullying.

**Frank A. DiLallo**

Frank DiLallo is currently the Prevention/Intervention Schools Consultant for the Diocese of Toledo, Ohio, which serves 78 Catholic schools – pre-K through 12th grade – in 19 counties. He conducts numerous educator trainings, assemblies for students and parents, with over 30 years' experience in education and counseling. DiLallo is a frequent local, regional and national speaker on the topic of bullying prevention and has published the "Peace Be with You – Christ Centered Bullying Solution" and the "Peace2U – Three Phase Bullying Solution" materials.

2-10 GROW YOUR CHURCH THE E-WAY 🗣️

Is your parish having growing pains? Are you either growing too large or too small? Are you facing a merger, consolidation or acquisition? This workshop looks at the case study of a Washington, D.C. parish implementing Cardinal Donald Wuerl's "Indicators of Vitality" for the New Evangelization. Bring your ideas and New Evangelization toolkit. Come ready to share as we celebrate the Year of Faith.

**Rev. Msgr. Raymond G. East**

The grandson of Baptist Missionaries to South Africa, Msgr. Ray East was born in Newark, N.J., and raised in San Diego. Ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., he served in six local parishes before being named Pastor of St. Teresa of Avila Church. Msgr. East is former Director of the Office of Black Catholics and Vicar for Evangelization for the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. He is a regular speaker at the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress and he continues to present workshops, facilitations and keynote addresses at major national events.

2-11 SHARING FAITH AS PARENTS OF YOUTH 🗣️

How can we engage youth in faith conversations and prayer at home? A variety of research projects demonstrate that adolescence is a critical time for family faith sharing. This workshop will provide ideas and resources, parent to parent, to help families seize teachable moments, talkable moments and prayable moments during the adolescent years. This workshop is geared toward parents and would also be helpful for leaders in youth ministry.

**Tom East**

Tom East is Director of the Center for Ministry Development, based in Gig Harbor, Wash., and author of "Leadership for Catholic Youth Ministry" among his numerous books. Previously, he served the Los Angeles Archdiocese as Director of Youth Ministry and Associate Director of Religious Education. East is a popular speaker at youth and religious education conferences nationwide, with several appearances at the L.A. Congress as well as conferences sponsored by the Center for Ministry Development.

2-12 TEACHING LEADERSHIP SKILLS TO ALL STUDENTS IN A CATHOLIC SCHOOL ☪

With 14 years as an elementary school principal and 22 years teaching religious education in high school, Dan Friedt believes every Catholic school should be training each child to become leaders starting in kindergarten. In this dynamic, energy-filled presentation you will discover how effective, school-wide strategies will increase student learning, decrease negative student behavior and call students to a Catholic social justice mindset for life. Using “7 Habits of Highly Effective People” and “5 Stages of Social Justice,” Dan Friedt will demonstrate how every child in your school can become a “leader for a lifetime.”



Dan Friedt

Dan Friedt, an educator with over 30 years of teaching experience in Catholic schools, is currently Principal at St. Charles Elementary Catholic School in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. He has taught at every grade level and has 14 years of administrative experience. As a liturgist and educator, he has presented liturgical workshops at many parishes throughout Alberta over the past 25 years.

2-13 AGING WITH GRACE ☪

One of the most challenging and rewarding tasks of the catechist or parish minister in a local parish is to reach out and give spiritual nourishment to older parishioners. This session will offer suggestions on a wide range of ways to include seniors into the full life of the parish.



Sr. Gretchen Hailer, RSHM

Sr. Gretchen Hailer, a Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary, is a longtime adult catechist who gives workshops and retreats on topics of spirituality and ministry. As a consultant, she provides catechesis with and for senior parishioners. She has authored or co-authored five books. Sr. Hailer has served in a number of capacities in the Los Angeles Archdiocese and has been a National Catechetical Consultant for several publishers.

2-14 WHY BOTHER PRAYING?

Many people think prayer is asking God to do something for someone somewhere. But it is the language of love between God and us. It’s never been harder to promote a lifetime of prayer. So in this workshop, we will use stories, Scripture, tradition and the contemporary context to reclaim the sanest and best of our Catholic heritage in a way that answers anyone who wonders why we would even bother in the first place.



Rev. Richard Leonard, SJ

Jesuit priest Fr. Richard Leonard is Director of the Catholic Office for Film & Broadcasting, based in Melbourne, Australia. He has taught as a Visiting Professor at the Gregorian University in Rome; at the University of California, Los Angeles; and at both the University of Melbourne and the Jesuit Theological College in Australia. A popular speaker, Fr. Leonard offers workshops that stress the importance and relevance of the use of media in catechesis. His books include “Movies That Matter.”

2-15 HERALDS OF THE GOOD NEWS: BECOMING THE BEST YOU CAN BE ☪

Since the inception of Catholic schools, the ultimate goal has always been the faith formation of our students. Our role as Catholic school educators, in whatever way we carry out that role, is to “echo” the person of Jesus. Whether we teach math, science or history; whether we are the librarian, the football coach or the formal classroom religion teacher, we are all called to be Christ for one another and to be the messengers or heralds of the Good News of Jesus Christ. This presentation will examine the various qualities of a Catholic school educator and what it takes to accomplish our task.



Dr. Sandra Kennedy

After 15 years as a Catholic elementary, junior high and high school teacher, Dr. Sandra Kennedy became a representative for William H. Sadlier Publishing Company. She has presented keynotes at diocesan Catholic school events and numerous religious education conferences from Detroit to Miami. Dr. Kennedy now serves as Sadlier’s National Religion Consultant and has been a contributor and consultant for the production of many of Sadlier’s catechetical materials, including their Religion Education Series “We Believe” and their sacramental programs.

2-16 SACRAMENTAL RENEWAL IN LIGHT OF THE NEW EVANGELIZATION ☪

Sacraments are central to our experience of faith and church as Catholics. Many who knock on the doors of our churches are looking for a no-strings-attached experience of the sacraments. This leaves people being sacramentalized but not evangelized. How do we renew our approach to the sacraments so that they can be sources of grace and conversion? What could a renewed approach to the pastoral care of the sacraments look like? What are the imbalances in sacramental theology, theology of grace, and ecclesiology that we still must address in order to restore sacraments to their rightful place? What are we willing to do as leaders of the Church to bring about such a renewal?



Fr. James Mallon

Fr. James Mallon, a priest of the Archdiocese of Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, currently serves as Pastor of St. Benedict Parish. He is founder and Director of the John Paul II Media Institute, which creates video resources for adult catechesis and evangelization. Fr. Mallon is creator of an eight-week video-based catechetical series entitled, “Catholicism 201,” that is currently used in 24 countries. His love for his dog inspired him to create the video-based theology course entitled “Dogmatic Theology,” which was released in 2011.

CONGRESS TRIVIA:

Though the first “CCD institute” was held in 1956, the first “Youth Rally” didn’t come about until 1971. That half-day event set the pattern for what has become Youth Day, which now annually brings together almost 15,000 youth and their chaperones.

2-17 TOOLS FOR EVANGELIZATION AND TRANSFORMATION 🗣️

Teachers of religious education are called to be agents of evangelization – to form, inform, and transform the students they teach. This session focuses on three tools that support the process of meeting the person of Jesus who is revealed in the Gospel. The intersection of the Gospel and personal life experience leads to personal transformation. Session topics include: 1) classroom environment; 2) beads of transformation; and (3) Gospel ABCs. Participants will experience creative practices that cultivate a Gospel-character within students and teachers.

**Dr. Patricia M. McCormack, IHM**

Dr. Patricia McCormack, a member of the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, is an international formation-education consultant and Director of the IHM Office of Formative Support for Parents and Teachers in Washington, D.C. Sr. McCormack's experience in education includes both classroom and administration at the elementary, secondary and college levels. In addition to her numerous books and articles for children and parents, her ministry includes parent presentations, as well as workshops, retreats and days of in-service to the educational community.

2-18 AN ARMLESS EMBRACE OF HOPE

In this session, Tony Melendez shares how music, faith and a desire to achieve can help to overcome the toughest of times. With his God-given gift of toe-picking the guitar, Tony, along with his band of experienced musicians, The Toe Jam Band, shares his inspiring story of perseverance and faith. Since playing for Pope John Paul II during his trip to Los Angeles in 1987, Melendez has performed in 42 countries and all 50 states. Tony sings and shares from his heart. Together, you'll laugh, cry, and pray. Come be embraced by an armless gift of hope!

**Tony Melendez**

Tony Melendez was born without arms as a result of his mother taking the prescription drug Thalidomide. The world-renowned armless guitarist was first brought to public attention during Pope John Paul II's trip to Los Angeles in 1987. As a composer, singer, and speaker, Melendez has been involved in ministry for over 25 years, sharing his music and story worldwide, presenting workshops and concerts in English and Spanish at churches, schools, corporations and international events. Melendez has recorded five albums and has won numerous awards.

2-19 COMMUNICATION & THE CATHOLIC CHURCH 🗣️

In his roles as the Communications Advisor to Cardinal Timothy Dolan and as Program Director for SiriusXM's "Catholic Channel," Fr. Jonathan Morris regularly comes face-to-face with the various challenges facing the contemporary Church. In this session, he will examine how best to communicate the Church's messages and teachings to the faithful, even at times of confusion and crisis.

**Fr. Jonathan Morris**

Fr. Jonathan Morris is regularly called on by the national media to offer ethical and moral commentary on the news on national media outlets including FOX News, CNN, and the BBC. He is the Program Director for SiriusXM's "Catholic Channel," the Communications Advisor to New York's archbishop, Cardinal Timothy Dolan, and also serves as Parochial Vicar at the historic St. Patrick's Old Cathedral in New York City. Fr. Morris is author of "The Promise" and "God Wants You Happy."

2-20 DAILY PRAYERS, DAILY CHORES: BUILDING AND MAINTAINING AN EVERYDAY FAITH 🗣️

How can we sustain our faith amid the challenges of everyday life? Daily chores can consume us, and it's easy to lose sight of the fact that we are God's creatures. Mountaintop experiences may encourage us, but we live day by day. Fortunately, the church provides us a scaffolding on which we can build and maintain our faith: daily prayer and meditative reading based on the readings for Mass. All we need is a willingness to allow God's Word to penetrate our weary hearts. We may not feel able, we may feel that we don't even know how to pray, but can we trust in God's ability to open our ears and hearts through Scripture?

**Kathleen Norris**

Teacher and lecturer Kathleen Norris has been a Benedictine Oblate of Assumption Abbey in North Dakota since 1987. She is author of several books and a freelance writer who serves as editorial consultant to The Christian Century, Give Us This Day, and Image magazines. Norris is a visiting writer/lecturer at institutions including Boston College and Boston University, among many others. A recipient of grants from the Bush Foundation and the Solomon R. Guggenheim Foundation, she divides her time between Honolulu and South Dakota.

2-21 TEACHING OUTSIDE THE BOX: FAITH FORMATION THAT RESEMBLES MASS MORE THAN CLASS 🗣️

Faith formation is not the teaching of a subject. It is an encounter with a Living Person: Jesus Christ. In this workshop, Joe Paprocki will demonstrate how to prepare and execute faith formation sessions that go beyond reading from a textbook and instead create a climate of prayer in which participants cannot only know about Jesus Christ, but know him intimately. Teaching outside the box results in faith formation that resembles Mass more than class.

**Joe Paprocki, DMin**

Dr. Joe Paprocki has over 30 years of experience in pastoral ministry. He is currently the National Consultant for Faith Formation at Loyola Press, based in Chicago. He formerly served as a Consultant for Catechist Formation for the Chicago Archdiocese and as a parish pastoral associate and Director of Religious Education. Dr. Paprocki has presented in over 60 dioceses in North America, including Alaska, Hawaii and Canada. He is author of numerous books on pastoral ministry and catechesis, and he serves as catechist ... and blogs about the experience.

2-22 FINDING THE LIONS IN THE ROCKS – MENTORING YOUNG PEOPLE 🗣️

The pace of teen life is frantic, and their souls suffer from the speed of life. They are soulful yet need adult guides who will help them navigate the culture today, while discovering deeper truths about themselves, their Catholic faith, and the Lord who accompanies them, as well.



Mike Patin

“Faith horticulturist” Mike Patin has worked in youth ministry since 1984, spending six years as a high school teacher and coach before working for the CYO/Youth Ministry Office for the Archdiocese of New Orleans. He has also been on the adjunct faculty at the Notre Dame School of Theology Seminary in New Orleans. Since 2003, Patin has been speaking full time to young people and adults. His latest book is “This Was Not in the Brochure: Lessons from Work, Ministry and Life.”

2-23 WHEN YOU WEIGH YOUR WORTH, YOU’RE WORTH THE WAIT 🗣️

The sex talk: It’s one of the hardest discussions for parents and administrators to effectively communicate. The chasm between the church and pop culture has left today’s parents and teens without the dialogue necessary for understanding the spiritual nature of sexuality. With teens constantly bombarded with mixed messages from a variety of media sources and parents unable to keep up with pop culture trends, young people are left to fend for themselves without healthy role models. Join Anthony Preston as he discusses the real, relevant and relatable approach to the subject matter that demystifies the topic of human sexuality, articulates God’s plan for it, and encourages the value of waiting until marriage.



Anthony Preston

Anthony Preston is an actor, musician, motivational speaker and creator and Executive Producer of the ELEV8 Teen Integrity Program, a professional indie artist forum and 90-minute production encouraging teens to avoid risky behaviors and embrace their dreams. Preston has been a representative for hundreds of schools and institutions since 2001 and has worked with a host of secondary education programs and organizations, including The Right to Life League, Upward Bound, and Rachel’s Challenge.

2-24 LIVING TOGETHER IN THE 21ST CENTURY: WHAT THE BIBLE CAN TEACH US ABOUT MUTUAL RESPECT AND CHRISTIAN DIALOGUE 🗣️

Our civil society and political discourse is sharply divided, and mutual respect is often absent. The same can be true of the Church when confrontation and polarizing language can characterize our conversations about difficult issues. Jesus, James and Paul all had something important to say about dealing with each other in mutual respect and in language worthy of our Christian calling. This workshop will reflect on some of these key texts and what we might learn from them about seeking communion within our Church today.



Fr. Donald Senior, CP

Fr. Donald Senior is President of Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, where he is also a member of the faculty as Professor of New Testament. Born in Philadelphia, he is a member of the Passionist Congregation and was ordained a priest in 1967. Fr. Senior is a frequent lecturer and speaker throughout the United States and abroad, and serves on numerous boards and commissions. He was an editor on the “Catholic Study Bible” and has a four-volume series of studies on the Passion Narratives.

2-25 BETWEEN SUNDAYS: SPIRITUAL PRACTICES FOR EVERYDAY LIVING 🗣️

How can we engage the spiritual lives of adults between Sundays? How can pastors and pastoral leaders inspire faith beyond times of the gathered community? How can we reach those who need to hear the Good News by using innovative methods and emerging media called for in the New Evangelization? This session will present five spiritual practices grounded in the experience of the first disciples that form a sustainable method to strengthen the spiritual life of your community ... between Sundays.



Tom Tomaszek

Author, composer, educator, event designer and liturgical musician, Tom Tomaszek is a sought-after presenter for national and regional events and retreats. Currently, Tom and his wife, Katherine, direct The Five Loaves, a ministry and online resource. He previously served as Director of Artist Relations and Product Development for Oregon Catholic Press (2004-2012). With his experience in teaching, pastoral ministry and music publishing, Tomaszek has spoken and given workshops regionally and nationally on a breadth of topics.

2-26 THE SECRET TO TEACHING ADULTS 🗣️

Has this happened to you: You scheduled an adult formation series for Lent. During the first session, you gave a stellar presentation on the distinctions between sanctifying and actual grace. You used an animated PowerPoint; you provided a handout. You even managed to inject a little humor. Then, at the end of your 45 minutes, you asked if there are any questions. And ... nothing. Crickets chirped quietly outside the classroom window. Did they understand what you were telling them? How do you know if you are having any impact at all on the faith lives of the participants? Adults have distinct learning needs and learning styles. When it comes to teaching adults, we have to switch gears.



Nick Wagner

Nick Wagner is co-founder and Director of the Catholic parishes online resource, TeamRCIA.com. He has more than 25 years’ experience as a leader and trainer at national, diocesan and parish liturgical and catechetical training events, and serving as a diocesan director of worship and a parish liturgist. Wagner is an active team member with the North American Forum on the Catechumenate and is author of many publications. His latest is entitled “The Heart of Faith: A Field Guide for Catechumens and Candidates.”



THE LABYRINTH has become a landmark feature of Sacred Space. Tucked away on the third level, Sacred Space offers a respite from the daily buzz of Congress, with music, art and a chapel.

2-27 MUSIC TO HELP CHILDREN SPEAK WITH GOD



Music can help children express their feelings for God and also help them develop their relationship and encounters with God. Come and share music for being on one's own, to music in the home, the classroom and in Church.



Christopher Walker

Christopher Walker is an internationally known church composer, speaker and choral conductor. He formerly served as Director of Music at the Cathedral in the Diocese of Clifton, England, for 18 years and is presently Director of Music at St. Paul the Apostle Church in Los Angeles. Walker is a conductor of choirs and orchestras in England and the United States, and travels around the globe giving workshops and lectures on church music and liturgy. His music is sung in churches worldwide.

2-28 WHAT THE TECH? ENTER THE MYSTERIOUS WORLD OF CYBERCRIME!



In this current age of exploding and ever-changing technology, children are tech-savvy and can go anywhere online with anyone, anywhere. It is incumbent upon us to be up to date with what's new in cyberspace and how to detect issues and protect children from harm. This workshop covers Internet predators and the grooming process, cyber bullying, geotagging, digital reputation issues and smartphone technology. The workshop will cover up-to-date information on technology-facilitated crimes against children along with practical prevention techniques. This is a practical and comprehensive interactive workshop for parents, educators and anyone who works with children.



Tracy Webb

Tracy Webb is a Senior Trial Attorney in charge of the Cyber Crime and Child Abuse Prosecution Division of the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office. Much of her career has been spent prosecuting physical, sexual, exploitation and technologically facilitated crimes against children. Webb is also on the Federal Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and co-chair of the L.A. County Cyber Crime Task Force. She is a frequent speaker locally and nationally and an Emmy-award winning producer of a documentary film on gang violence.

2-29 PURE AND SIMPLE: THE ART OF CREATING A BEAUTIFUL MIND

David Whyte

The world exists independent of human thought, but it is seen through the lens of the mind. How much stress or unhappiness we undergo can depend on the qualities of perception that we cultivate. The way we treat and are treated by the world is partly determined by the state and depth of our critical and emotional intelligence. In this workshop, we will look closely at the role of the imagination as a faculty of perception that cultivates our ability to turn away from false abstracts, act courageously, and above all, have a life worth living at the center of our endeavors.

2-70 MYSTERIUM FIDEI: CẤU TRÚC VÀ Ý NGHĨA CỦA KINH NGUYỆN THÁNH THỂ



Bài hội thảo sẽ trình bày về cấu trúc và ý nghĩa của Kinh Nguyện Thánh Thể, đặc biệt qua đó người tín hữu sẽ hiểu sâu hơn về các mẫu nhiệm thân học, tâm linh và phụng vụ mỗi khi tham dự Thánh Lễ.

MYSTERIUM FIDEI: STRUCTURE AND MEANING OF THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER



This workshop will look at the structure and significance of the Eucharistic Prayer, especially how it leads the faithful to the celebration of the mystery: theologically, spiritually and liturgically.



**Linh mục Bartôlômêô Phạm Đức Thịnh
Rev. Thinh Duc Pham**

Thụ phong linh mục cho Tổng Giáo Phận Los Angeles vào năm 2002, Cha Phạm Đức Thịnh đã phục vụ tại Giáo xứ Thánh Gioan Thiên Chúa ở Norwalk. Sau bốn năm phục vụ tại giáo xứ, cha đã được gửi sang Roma để theo học chuyên ngành phụng vụ tại Giáo Hoàng Học Viện Sant'Anselmo. Cha đã hoàn tất chương trình cao học của Phụng Vụ vào năm 2010 và hiện đang tiếp tục chương trình tiến sĩ chuyên về Giáo Lý Phụng Vụ.

Ordained a priest for the Los Angeles Archdiocese in 2002, Fr. Pham Duc Thinh served at St. John of God Parish in Norwalk, Calif. After four years of service in the parish, he was sent to Rome to study and specialized in Catholic liturgy at the Royal Academy Sant'Anselmo. Fr. Pham has completed the graduate program of the Liturgy in 2010 and is currently continuing doctoral program specializing in the catechism liturgy.



3-01 PARISH LIFE DIRECTOR TRACK

Bishop Gerald E. Wilkerson, Rev. Richard Vega, Edward P. Hahnenberg, PhD and Jeffrey S. Siker

“Parish Life Director” or “PLD” – When you hear that term, do you wonder what it means? Join us on Friday, February 22 for a full day of workshops, discussions, networking and prayer as we look at this role of the PLD: lay women and men who are given the overall pastoral care of a parish in the absence of a priest pastor. They are an important part of the lay ecclesial ministers serving our Church today. A panel of presenters will inform us of the possibilities in this field and give those of us already serving, challenging input. (Please make sure to also select Sessions 1-01 and 2-01.)

3-02 SERVICE PROJECTS AND MISSION TRIPS THAT CHANGE LIVES!

As parents, catechists and ministers, we spend lots of time teaching and sharing faith with our children and teens. It is when we have a chance to put all that learning into action that things begin to click and the light bulb goes on! We “get it” when we have the opportunity to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit those in prison. It isn’t just a lesson to learn from the past, but service has the potential still to change us all and to transform the world. This workshop will help you design great service projects and trips that will bring together the learning and the living of the Gospel message for middle and high school youth and their families.



Jane Angha

Jane Angha is a Youth Ministry Services Project Coordinator for the Young Neighbors in Action program of the Center for Ministry Development (CMD) and lives in Neenah, Wis. She worked in parish ministry as a Director of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry for nearly 20 years. She has spoken at the Green Bay diocesan education congress, parish missions, retreats, faculty meetings and stewardship leadership days. Angha is a contributing author for CMD’s Youth Ministry Access and their Fashioning Faith programs.

3-03 THE BIBLE, THE SAINTS, AND THE RENEWAL OF THE CHURCH

Every period of reform in the Church has been connected with a return to the centrality of sacred Scripture. These ages of renewal have been led by great saints like Benedict, Francis, Dominic, Ignatius of Loyola and Therese of Lisieux. Discover how these saints can point the way for the Church and the New Evangelization today. Reading the Bible as evangelizing Catholics can advance the mission given to the Church by the Second Vatican Council, that “access to sacred Scripture be open wide to the Christian faithful,” and by Pope Benedict, hoping for “the flowering of a new season of greater love for sacred Scripture on the part ... of the People of God.”



Stephen J. Binz

Based in Baton Rouge, La., Stephen Binz is a Catholic biblical scholar and popular speaker. Following graduate biblical studies in Rome and Jerusalem, he has developed Bible studies in the Church for over 25 years. Binz is an award-winning author of more than two dozen books on the Bible, including his “Lectio Divina Bible Study,” “Ancient-Future Bible Study,” “Threshold Bible Study” and the “Conversing with God in Scripture” series.

3-04 THE MYSTERY OF HUMAN DIGNITY ECLIPSED

In our factories and fields, hotels and homes, the dignity of the human person has been eclipsed by our lifestyle demands and the huge profits from the sale of persons. How do we evangelize in a way that invites a personal response to injustice? How do we wake up our students and Catholic communities into awareness and move them into action regarding human trafficking? Does the mystery of God’s compassion for trafficked persons become part of our own prayer lives? Some ideas for ways to protect our youth and suggestions for adult catechesis will be presented. This Year of Faith calls us to be images of God’s compassion in our world today.



Sr. Kathleen Bryant, RSC

Sr. Kathleen Bryant, a Religious Sister of Charity, ministers as a retreat facilitator, spiritual director and workshop presenter. The former teacher and missionary now focuses on her interests in spirituality, formation, women’s spiritual development and the abolition of human trafficking. Sr. Bryant has authored numerous articles and books and has presented workshops in Australia, Ireland, Africa and throughout the United States.

3-05 TELL THE GOOD NEWS! SING THE GOOD NEWS!

Australian Andrew Chinn leads a practical workshop for teachers and catechists on how to use song to teach the mystery of our story, our Scripture, and our sacraments to our children. We all know that children love to sing and to move, but this affinity can be used every day to teach children about our faith, important Scripture and the sacraments. Come and bring the “child within” and walk away with songs and strategies that will make each teaching day more joy-filled for you and the children you teach.



Andrew Chinn

Andrew Chinn worked as a classroom teacher in Catholic elementary schools in Sydney, Australia, for nearly 20 years before moving into full-time music ministry as Director of Butterfly Music. He has visited 900 Catholic elementary schools, has performed in 2,000 concerts and presented at Catholic education conferences in 20 dioceses across Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United States. Chinn has released eight CDs, four DVDs and five picture books that are used widely by teachers and catechists in the faith development of children.

3-06 CATECHESIS & FAMILY EVANGELIZATION 🗣️

This session presents statistical and anecdotal information to highlight crucial areas of needed family evangelization, and explores how a revision of our catechetical models can further this important but difficult goal. The session will be quite interactive, soliciting the experiences of catechists and pastors.

**Frank P. DeSiano, CSP**

Orained in 1972 as a Paulist priest, Fr. Frank DeSiano has served as pastor in downtown New York and Chicago parishes. He has written numerous books and articles on discipleship, spirituality and parish renewal. The nationally known preacher is a frequent speaker at diocesan clergy conferences, catechetical conferences and lay leadership training. In 1994, he was elected President of the Paulist Fathers; he now serves as President of Paulist Evangelization Ministries, based in Washington, D.C.

3-07 BRINGING SCRIPTURE TO LIFE WITH CHILDREN 🗣️

Are you in need of some new ideas when approaching Scripture with children? If so, then come to this workshop! We will explore how bringing Scripture to life for children not only can but should be filled with joy and enthusiasm! Focus will be on creative ideas and techniques that can be immediately used in the learning setting with elementary-aged children.

**Steven Ellair**

Steven Ellair is a Senior Editor and National Presenter with Minnesota-based Saint Mary's Press. He has been involved in catechetical ministry for 21 years and has served as a parish catechist, youth minister, Catholic schoolteacher, and catechetical consultant for the Los Angeles Archdiocese. Ellair has been involved in Catholic publishing for nearly 11 years and continues to write and speak nationally on issues related to catechesis. He has presented at national religious education events for 18 years.

3-08 ON BEING HIS BODY, TAKING OUR "AMEN" SERIOUSLY 🗣️

Every time we celebrate the Eucharist, we celebrate not only Christ's Body, but also our body in him. Contrary to the impression these days, Christianity is meant to be an action-oriented religion. Dogmas and doctrines, while important, were not what Jesus was about. His message was one of social transformation primarily involving our hearts. What does it mean to be Christ's Body in today's world? What does it mean to live the vision of Jesus? These are the questions we will explore together.

**Barbara Fiand, SND de N**

Sr. Barbara Fiand, a Sister of Notre Dame de Namur, is a consultant who lectures and gives retreats throughout the country and abroad. She previously taught at the Institute of Pastoral Studies at Loyola University in Chicago and at The Athenaeum of Ohio. Her primary area of interest is the transformation of consciousness and the inner conversion that this calls us to, as well as the theological challenges that it invites us to embrace. Sr. Fiand has written nine books and is based in Cincinnati.

CONGRESS FACT:

Our last event, RECongress 2012, had over 39,326 in attendance, with 193 speakers presenting 305 workshops in three languages (English, Spanish, and Vietnamese), and with 21,626 registered for Congress. Youth Day attendance was 14,773.

3-09 CATHOLIC EDUCATION: FROM AND FOR FAITH 🗣️

Catholic education began on a hillside in Galilee some 2,000 years ago when the Risen Christ commissioned his small community to evangelize and teach all nations. From there emerged the largest and most widespread educational system in human history. It arises from Catholic faith in that the deep convictions of Catholicism provide its foundational principles and normative guidelines. Likewise, it always has the mandate to educate for faith, both Catholic and "catholic." This session will reflect on what it means to educate both from and for Catholic faith in our time.

**Dr. Thomas Groome**

Dr. Tom Groome is Professor of Theology and Religious Education, and Chair of the Institute of Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry Department at Boston College's School of Theology and Ministry. The award-winning author has written more than half a dozen books and numerous articles and essays. Dr. Groome has made over 500 public presentations around the world throughout the last 25 years, including all the major North American conferences of religious educators, both Catholic and Protestant. His latest book is "Will There Be Faith."

3-10 BEFRIENDING THE UNKNOWN: SPIRITUAL WISDOM FOR TIMES OF CRISIS AND TRANSITION 🗣️

For most people, the greatest source of spiritual suffering occurs during times of "un-asked-for" change. But change offers life's greatest moments where our greatest potential can emerge. While the soul is an infallible compass that can guide us in times of transition and crisis, most people have not been taught how to trust their own powers of discernment. Changing the way we relate to the unknown – from dread to welcoming – offers peace and spiritual solace no matter how uncertain the circumstances. Don't be afraid to bring your personal pain to this workshop; witness the healing power that comes from dissolving fear into hope and new possibility.

**Richard F. Groves**

Richard Groves is an internationally respected teacher of the sacred art of living and dying. He and his late wife, Mary, are co-founders of the Sacred Art of Living Center in Bend, Ore. Groves, who speaks nine languages, has been a chaplain for 30 years and has presented internationally throughout Asia, Europe, Africa and North America. His book, "The American Book of Living and Dying," has been translated into several languages. His latest work, "Visualize: The Art of Transforming Spiritual Pain," is to be published in 2013, and he is developing the Anamcara Project.

3-11 SCREEN PLAY: CREATING EFFECTIVE EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA 🎧

Whether it's your parish Facebook page or your personal Twitter account, we have more technological tools at our disposal than ever before. So why aren't countless souls flooding our parishes seeking Christ? How does a post translate to more tangible results? This session will unveil some important but often neglected facts about social media usage, offer ideas on how to use it more effectively, and give some quick "dos" and "don'ts" to apply to your next post before you hit "send."



Mark Hart

Mark Hart serves as Executive Vice President for Life Teen International. He is a best-selling and award-winning author and co-author of over a dozen books. Hart has traveled the globe speaking to millions and is a regular guest on several Catholic radio programs, including a weekly radio spot on Sirius/XM Radio and a weekly podcast for Life Teen. He has a DVD Catholic Bible study titled "T3," and his publications include "The 'R' Father" and "Holier Than Thou."

3-12 ROMAN CATHOLIC RITUALS – EVER ANCIENT, EVER NEW 🎧

What do rituals, from centuries ago, offer our technologically advanced world of today? The earth is still holy; how do we honor the place of God's incarnation? Daily prayer and worship are still vital in receiving God's grace and giving blessings; do we place importance on praying and worshipping God daily? The seven sacraments still confer grace on the believer; how do we honor the sacraments in our daily lives? Through Scripture, storytelling, prayer, song and movement, ValLimar Jansen encourages us to Enter the Mystery and to explore the spirituality related to priceless Roman Catholic rituals that give meaning, beauty and power to our lives.



ValLimar Jansen

Composer, singer, storyteller, and evangelizer, ValLimar Jansen has served as a college/university professor, a leader of worship and prayer, and a workshop presenter at conferences across the United States and abroad. Jansen won UNITY Awards for her solo albums, and she and her husband, Frank, performed at the Loreto/Angora International Papal Event in Italy. Her latest CD is entitled "Give God The Glory" and her book is expected to be released at the 2013 L.A. Congress.

3-13 WHY PRAY? SACRAMENTS, MIRACLES, AND CHANGED HEARTS 🎧

Prayer *does* make a difference. There are miracles everywhere! Lives are being changed through our prayer. How do we help this happen? How do we get in the way? Yes, when we pray, God hears us. Yet, prayers are often not answered the way we had hoped. How can we – and the children we love – understand that? In this session, Fr. Joe Kempf will include several unique experiences of prayer, practical suggestions for helping ourselves and our children, and lots to think and pray about!



Fr. Joe Kempf

Fr. Joe Kempf, Pastor of Assumption Parish in O'Fallon, Mo., is founder and President of Gospel Values. He is a well-known speaker at religious education gatherings from Los Angeles to Chicago, and from Corpus Christi, Texas, to Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Along with four volumes of "Big Al LIVE" DVDs, he is author of numerous books, including "Sometimes Life Is Just Not Fair," "My Sister is Annoying... And Other Prayers for Children," and "Don't Drink the Holy Water."

3-14 LIVING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER 🎧

Dr. Josephine Lombardi will lead us through each petition of the Lord's Prayer (The Our Father) and show how our salvation is connected to the fulfillment of the Lord's Prayer in our lives and in all of creation. A brief introduction to the Lord's Prayer is followed by a presentation on how it can be a powerful guide for daily living. An ideal workshop for the Year of Faith, where we are called to retrieve the deeper meaning of our Church's spiritual treasures. Handouts will be given with suggestions on how to start a study group on the Lord's Prayer in your school or parish with activities and recommended resources.



Josephine Lombardi, PhD

Dr. Josephine Lombardi is presently Assistant Professor of Pastoral and Systematic Theology, Professor of Field Education, and Director of Lay Formation at St. Augustine's Seminary in Scarborough, Ontario, Canada. An author and retreat leader, she has presented at numerous conferences and has had numerous appointments and pastoral experience in the Diocese of Hamilton and independently. Dr. Lombardi has worked in radio and television and hosts a weekly radio show in Canada called "New Evangelization." Her book, "On Earth as it is in Heaven," has been featured on Canada's cable channel, Salt + Light Television.

3-15 THIS WE BELIEVE: SONGS OF FAITH FOR THE YEAR OF FAITH 🎧

The songs we sing carry much of the core of our faith tradition. Teachers, catechists and parish music ministers are invited to experience a range of contemporary intergenerational music, featuring songs from Michael Mangan's newly released collection. This repertoire will especially engage upper-elementary and junior high students along with parish communities. Bring your voice and be ready to use it!



Michael Mangan

Michael Mangan is a composer, teacher and music liturgist from Brisbane, Australia. His 180 songs, psalms and Mass settings are used in parishes and schools throughout Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United States. Mangan, who is Music Director at All Saints Catholic Parish in Brisbane, tours widely each year presenting school concerts, professional development workshops or keynotes at conferences. He is author of "This We Believe: Songs of Faith" and two settings for the Revised Roman Missal: "Mass Jubilee" and "Mass of Celebration"

3-16 SHARING FAITH WITH YOUNG PEOPLE ☺

In this session, you will laugh and learn about the key, not only to sharing faith with young people, but sharing faith with any age. There are countless ideas at this Congress event about how to share the faith. Let's take a session to not only learn the "how" and to get in touch with not only the "why," but most importantly with the "Who."

**Judy McDonald**

Judy McDonald has been a professional comedienne for the past 18 years. She formerly served as a Youth Minister for the San Diego Diocese and as a Residential Minister at the University of San Diego. For the past seven years, McDonald has been in full-time traveling ministry, with shows for military bases in Germany, Italy and Belgium. She is in great demand at parishes and conferences across the United States and internationally, including Ireland, Croatia and Scotland.

3-17 ENTERING THE MYSTERY: WHERE? ☺

Where are the doorways that beckon us further into the mystery of our lives – the Spirit and the Body of Christ and the Trinity? If the mystery of God is everywhere by the power of the Resurrection, are there places where it's easier to enter, to encounter, and to engage with this mystery and let it envelop us? Is this mystery a refuge, a strength? Come, let us enter into this place, this presence, this power together as the beloved of our God.

**Megan McKenna**

Megan McKenna, based in Albuquerque, N.M., travels internationally working with indigenous peoples, parishes, dioceses, religious orders and organizations that are engaged in work for peace, justice and human rights, through the lens of the Scriptures and storytelling. McKenna is the author of 49 books including, "This Will be Remembered of Her," which was awarded by the Catholic Press Association, and her new book, "Like a Hammer Shattering Rock," to be released in January 2013. She teaches at a number of universities, colleges and pastoral institutes around the world.

3-18 "ALL THE FAMILIES ON EARTH SHALL BE BLESSED" (ACTS 3:25): THE SCRIPTURE ON PARENTING ☺

It has never been easy to be a parent. The Bible, though in timeless fashion, continues to have much to say, even in our technologically rich, time-deprived and busy lives as we seek to care for our children. This workshop will unpack some of the key biblical values and instructions that can help us steer a safe course, tackling head-on the many challenges confronting the modern parent.

**Fr. J. Patrick Mullen, PhD**

Fr. Pat Mullen, a priest of the Los Angeles Archdiocese, is Professor of Biblical Studies at St. John's Seminary and Pastor of Junipero Serra, both in Camarillo, Calif. He is author of "Dining with Pharisees" and "Sacred Scripture," a high school introduction to the Scriptures out in 2012. Fr. Mullen has spoken yearly at the annual L.A. Congress, as well as regional conferences in San Diego, Las Vegas, Detroit, Reno, Nev., Boise, Idaho, Fresno, Calif., and often speaks to priests of various diocese in the Southwestern United States.

CONGRESS TRIVIA:

The RECongress event, directed by Sr. Edith Prendergast, is coordinated by Paulette Smith (Event Coordinator) and Jan Pedroza (Program Coordinator), and aided by three committees: the Congress Committee, the Liturgy Committee, and the Registration Committee – and worked by hundreds of staff and volunteers.

3-19 WITH RESPECT TO THE PASCHAL MYSTERY – THE MYSTERY OF PASSING OVER FROM DEATH TO LIFE: ARE YOU A CHEERLEADER OR A PARTICIPANT? ☺

Consciously or unconsciously, most Catholics think of themselves as "cheerleaders for Jesus" when it comes to the Paschal Mystery – the passing over from death to life. One gets the impression that Jesus *did* the Paschal Mystery for us a really, really long time ago and every year during Holy Week we gather to remember the story and thank him ... again. Ah, but is it possible that with respect to the Paschal Mystery, the passing over from death to life, Jesus went first – and now, today, he invites us in to the mystery with him? What if the Paschal Mystery is "the rhythm of Love," and to the extent that we have the guts to participate in this mystery, Jesus exquisitely companions us into New Life!

**Terry Nelson-Johnson, DMin**

Dr. Terry Nelson-Johnson is the Animator of Faith at Old St. Patrick's Church in Chicago. From 1980-1999 was a campus minister and theology teacher at Loyola Academy Jesuit High School in Wilmette, Ill. In 2000, he founded SoulPlay, and since then presents 80-90 speaking engagements a year to congregations, families, schools and faculties. Dr. Nelson-Johnson is also author of "Hidden Presence: Twelve Blessings That Transformed Sorrow or Loss."

3-20 IT BEGINS WITH A QUESTION ... EVANGELIZING FAMILIES ☺

If you fall into the category of those of us who want to motivate families to make their home a place where faith is loved, learned and lived, then join us as we consider how to do just that. Perhaps the answer lies not in trying to find the answer but in trying to ask the right questions. This session will lead us to some practical ideas to inform, form and facilitate transformation in our families.

**JoAnn Paradise, DMin**

JoAnn Paradise is a National Consultant for Our Sunday Visitor Curriculum Division. She has served as a catechetical administrator in several parishes for the Pittsburgh Diocese for over 32 years and was most recently Director of Parish Ministerial Life and Spiritual Formation at St. Sebastian Parish. In addition to presenting keynotes and workshops at diocesan conferences throughout the United States and Canada, Paradise has also presented at national conferences, including the National Catholic Educational Association, and the L.A. Congress, among others.

3-21 SPIRITUAL CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRACTICE IN THE MINISTRY WITH LESBIAN AND GAY CATHOLICS 🗣️

This workshop will review Church documents with special attention given to the spiritual concerns and pastoral practice in the Ministry with Lesbian and Gay Catholics. Discussion will explore the consistent life ethic and social justice teachings of the Catechism of the Catholic Church and other church documents. Focus will be on the lives of Catholics who identify themselves as gay or lesbian, or having homosexual orientation, as well as parents and families of these Catholics that are in our pews, schools or community. Participants will be invited to share their stories in person and reflect on the common question: What would Jesus say and do?



Fr. Chris Ponnet

Born and raised at St. Luke's in Temple City, Calif., Fr. Chris Ponnet was ordained a priest for the Los Angeles Archdiocese in 1983. He has been Spiritual Director for the Los Angeles Archdiocesan Ministry with Lesbian and Gay Catholics for many years, as well as the Chaplain/Director of Spiritual Care at Los Angeles County+USC Medical Center for the past 18 years. Fr. Ponnet has spoken on many occasions to gatherings across the county.

3-22 THE ROLE OF RELIGION IN THE 2012 ELECTION

Religion played a prominent role in the 2012 election. Two Catholics and a Mormon ran in Republican primaries, with Catholics backing the Mormon, and Evangelicals backing the Catholics. The Mormon won and chose a Catholic as his running mate. The bishops launched a "Fortnight of Freedom" and spoke out on abortion, gay marriage, the Department of Health and Human Services' contraceptive mandate and other issues during the campaign. The "Nuns of the Bus" toured a number of states, highlighting the work of sisters for the poor and criticizing the Paul Ryan budgets for slashing programs for the poor. Who did what, why and how? Did it matter?



Thomas J. Reese, SJ

Fr. Thomas Reese is a Senior Fellow at the Woodstock Theological Center at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. From 1998 to 2005, he was Editor in Chief at America magazine. Fr. Reese has spoken at numerous parishes and universities across the country, including three appearances at the L.A. Congress. His many books include "Inside the Vatican: The Politics and Organization of the Catholic Church" and "A Survival Guide for Thinking Catholics," due out in the fall of 2013.

3-23 IMMORTAL DIAMOND: THE SEARCH FOR OUR TRUE SELF 🗣️

Fr. Richard Rohr uses the title of his last book to lead us on a mining operation. What is the self that Jesus says "must die" and what is the self that must be found? What is wonderful and what is difficult about this search? Why is it so foundational to all healthy religion? How does God work in the soul to achieve the discovery of our own "immortal diamond"?



Fr. Richard Rohr, OFM

Fr. Richard Rohr, a Franciscan priest of the New Mexico Province, founded the Center for Action and Contemplation in Albuquerque, N.M., where he currently lives. He is also founder of The Rohr Institute and its Living School for Action and Contemplation. Fr. Rohr divides his time between local work and preaching/teaching around the world. He has made several audio and video recordings, and is best known for his writings, which include "The Naked Now" and "Everything Belongs."

3-24 HANGING WITH THE HOLY WHO DAT! WE HAVE A BOUNTY ON THE DEVIL! 🗣️

Somehow, the Devil became convinced that he could win in a battle with the Lord. For centuries, he has been trying hard to conquer our lives and win our souls. Well, today we say, "Get thee behind me, Satan." We are God's Sanctified Soldiers and ready for our war against evil. "Put on the armor of God so that you may be able to stand firm against the tactics of the Devil," says Ephesians 6:11. This interactive and fun workshop will help you to sharpen your Sword of the Spirit. Join "The Holy Who Dat" as he declares we have a bounty out on the Devil because the Devil can't win!



Rev. R. Tony Ricard, MTh, MDiv

Fr. Tony Ricard, a priest of the New Orleans Archdiocese, currently serves as Director of Campus Ministry and Development Director for St. Augustine High School in New Orleans. He is also Director of Knight Time Ministries and Chief Editor for Two Knights Publishing Co. Fr. Ricard is a native of New Orleans and a former public school teacher. He has authored many books and has given keynote addresses, retreats, revivals and youth talks across the nation and has preached in 20 countries.

3-25 FAITH FORMATION FOR EVERY ADULT IN YOUR CHURCH – IT'S POSSIBLE TODAY! 🗣️

What would it be like if your church really believed that you could provide faith formation for every adult in your faith community? What new insights and assumptions would you need to adopt? What would a "faith formation for every adult" plan look like? What would it be like if you conceptualized adult faith formation, not as a series of program offerings, but as a faith formation network – in online and physical settings – with a diversity of ways to learn and grow in faith? This session will present a 21st-century model of adult faith formation and a variety of strategies, resources and technologies to bring the model to life in a church.



John Roberto

John Roberto, President of LifelongFaith Associates, is editor of the Lifelong Faith Journal and coordinator of the Faith Formation 2020 Initiative and the Faith Formation Learning Exchange (with Vibrant Faith Ministries). He works as a consultant to churches and national organizations, and gives presentations and workshops in lifelong faith formation across the United States. Roberto previously was founder and Director of the Center for Ministry Development. His latest publication is entitled "Faith Formation 2020: Designing the Future of Faith."

3-26 THE CURRICULUM FRAMEWORK: NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIGH SCHOOLS 🗣️

This workshop will explore some of the theological and educational principles upon which the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' "Doctrinal Elements of a Curriculum Framework for Young People of High School Age" is built. It will also present creative pedagogies, including the use of information technology (IT), through which the Framework Curriculum can be taught to high school students.

**Ailís Travers**

Ailís Travers is the High School Advisor and Digital Specialist for Veritas publications in Ireland, where she previously served as writer and researcher. She is the conceptual designer of the Credo website, as well as a text consultant and contributing author for the Credo series. Travers has previously taught religion in high schools and at Loreto College in Dublin and was a catechist at her parish. She has presented numerous talks, in-services and workshops throughout Ireland and worldwide.

**Elaine Mahon**

Elaine Mahon works as a Catechetical Specialist for Veritas in Ireland. She previously worked as a primary school teacher and parish catechist before becoming Diocesan Advisor for Primary Religious Education in the Dublin Archdiocese, where she developed digital resources to supplement the national catechetical program. Mahon also lectures at the post-graduate level in St. Patrick's College in Dublin, in the area of religious education methodologies, and is a regular speaker at sacramental preparation meetings for parents, parishes and dioceses.

3-27 ARE YOU COMMUNICATING? YOU CANNOT BUILD RELATIONSHIPS WITHOUT IT! 🗣️

This workshop will provide the information and skills necessary to create positive relationships between parents and teachers. We know that there are schools and parishes in which everyone feels and acts as if they are family. That spirit is not an accident. It is a mission to which everyone is committed. To develop a Christ-like community takes effort. Char Wenc will empower you with the skills to make this happen at the parish school level and within the parish catechetical community.

**Char Wenc, MEd**

Professor, parent educator, professional speaker and author, Char Wenc is known internationally. She is a professor at Loyola University and at the Adler School of Professional Psychology, both in Chicago. Wenc is author of "Parenting: Are We Having Fun Yet?" and "Cooperation Learning through Laughter." She is recipient of a "Those Who Excel in Education" award, and has 30 years teaching experience, 20 years in public speaking and 10 years as a Member of the National Speakers Association.

3-28 FROM DEI VERBUM TO VERBUM DOMINI: HOW CATHOLICS CAN BE TRANSFORMED BY THE WORD OF GOD 🗣️

Catholics have clearly rediscovered the Bible in the 50 years since the Second Vatican Council. But how well do Catholics use the Bible? Is there a distinctive Catholic approach to the Bible? How can we benefit from the Bible during this Year of Faith? We must be transformed by the Word of God!

**Ronald D. Witherup, SS**

A native of western Pennsylvania, Sulpician Fr. Ronald Witherup is currently Superior General of the Society of Saint Sulpice and lives in Paris, France. He formerly was provincial of the U.S. province and a Professor of Scripture and Academic Dean at St. Patrick Seminary in Menlo Park, Calif.. Fr. Witherup is author of many books and articles, and is a popular lecturer and retreat director who has appeared in various events around the world, including the Mid-Atlantic Congress; he last appeared at the L.A. Congress in 2010.

3-70 Phát triển đức tin của người Việt trẻ trên đất Mỹ

Liên hệ giữa giới teen và người lớn tuổi hơn gây nhiều khó khăn, nhất là khi hai giới sống với những giá trị và văn hoá khác nhau. Chúng tôi dựa vào Thánh Kinh, lý thuyết phát triển, khảo cứu, và kinh nghiệm (kể cả thất bại) để bàn tới một số phương pháp cho người trẻ cũng như cho thầy cô, phụ huynh, và cộng đoàn, để giúp tất cả phát triển đức tin.

HOW LAY PEOPLE CAN LEARN SCRIPTURE TO LIVE THE LITURGY MORE DEEPLY

New opportunities give the laity new ways to appreciate Scripture – for personal nourishment and for teaching catechism. Feasible methods for personal and group studies are presented. We apply these simple methods to the understanding of Mass, so that we can live the liturgical life more deeply.

**Lê Xuân Hy
Hy Xuan Le, PhD**

Tiến sĩ Lê X. Hy dạy tâm lý và thần học mục vụ, làm giám đốc chương trình Công Giáo Học tại Seattle University. Chương trình Chuyên Viên Fulbright Cao Cấp gửi ông qua phục vụ bên Đất Thánh. Ông giúp thường huấn tại Việt Nam cho Cha Giáo các Đại Chủng Viện, cho Tỉnh Dòng Tên, và cho Liên Hiệp Bề Trên Thượng Cấp. Trong 20 năm qua ông là thành viên của Ủy Ban Giáo Lý Toàn Quốc và trình bày những đề tài về Thánh Kinh và phát triển tâm lý.

Dr. Hy Xuan Le teaches psychology and pastoral theology, directed the Catholic Studies Program, and currently heads the Institute for Human Development at Seattle University. He served as a Fulbright Senior Specialist to Israel. Professor Le conducts workshops and retreats for various groups in the United States and Vietnam, including the Vietnamese Conference of Major Superiors, Vietnamese seminary professors, and several Jesuit provinces. For the past 20 years, he has presented topics on Scripture and human development at Vietnamese American national catechetical conferences.

4-01 PRESCHOOL FAITH FORMATION: LEARNING FROM THE MASTER 🎧

Dr. Shauna M. Adams

What do you do with children who are too young to read and write? How do you keep them busy? What do you do when the children won't come into the room or refuse to leave? How do you keep a group of 3- or 4-year-olds engaged, busy and learning. Participants will learn from a master teacher and catechist who has taught faith formation using developmentally appropriate and play-based practice. Participants will see examples of supported play, interactive group time, and techniques that slow the pace of lessons so that children are active learners.

4-02 SINGING THE MYSTERY

Yoked to music, the words of Scripture and the action of the liturgical rites are able to carry the vibrant voice of the Spirit's presence into our midst in a way that expresses our own yearning for God's transforming work in our lives and in the life of the world. This session will explore how music can be creatively wedded to the rites in a way that deepens the understanding and engagement of all.



Tony Alonso

Tony Alonso's contemporary liturgical music appears in compilations and hymnals throughout the world. He is a presenter at liturgy, music and theology conferences around the globe. Alonso's latest publications include "I Shall Rise: Music for the Paschal Triduum" and "The Lyric Psalter: Revised Grail Lectionary Psalms" with Marty Haugen. The former Director of Music at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles is currently a doctoral candidate focusing on liturgical and ritual studies in the Graduate Division of Religion at Emory University in Atlanta.



Marty Haugen

For over 30 years, composer Marty Haugen has presented workshops, concerts and presentations across North and Central America, Europe, Asia and the Pacific Rim. With over 35 recordings and 400 published editions, his range of musical compositions continues to appear in hymnals for United States, Canadian and Australian Catholics, Evangelical Lutherans and other Protestant denominations. Haugen's latest music offerings include "In the Days to Come: Songs of Peacemaking" and "Only You, O God: Simple Songs for Worship."

4-03 COME SING MY SONG! CELEBRATING OUR FAITH WITH CHILDREN 🎧

Andrew Chinn

St. Augustine said, "Those who sing well pray twice." In this spirit, come and join experienced elementary educator Australian Andrew Chinn in a workshop that explores the use of music to enhance the daily prayer lives of children, as well as liturgical celebrations and special events throughout the liturgical and school year. Come be enthused and skilled for your work in the prayer, celebration and liturgical life of yourself and God's children. Bring your voices (all kinds welcome!) and your inner child as we celebrate the mystery of our faith.

4-04 AH-H-H, TO BE A KID AGAIN: MUSIC & MOVEMENT FOR THE VERY YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART! 🎧

It's no mystery why children love to sing and dance! Put yourself in a child-like mindset and explore different ways to connect with your inner child. Come ready to dance and sing to songs that reflect our faith. This is a great workshop for teachers who work with young students (K-6).



Donna Anderle

Donna Anderle is an accomplished dancer, teacher and choreographer. She is on the teaching faculty of the Cincinnati Ballet and Midwest Theatre Ballet and is involved in Cincy Dance, an outreach program for Cincinnati inner-city schools. Anderle is a nationally known liturgical dancer who continues to give workshops, keynote presentations and dance in concert and has choreographed for major conferences, including the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry. Her work is compiled in four choreography books and a video.

4-05 FAITH, WORSHIP AND 800-POUND GORILLAS! HONEST MINISTRY IN THE 21ST CENTURY 🎧

After 50 years in ministry – having lived through Vatican II, the American civil rights movement, and some real changes in my own understanding of the word "church" – I have just about seen it all. From the large cathedrals in Europe to small wooden churches in Tanzania where I've spoken or performed, everyone is looking for the same thing: love, purpose and hope. Thus, the opportunity to be a witness to the Gospel message is as great as ever. But the world is changing, and we will never be truly effective without addressing some of the 800-pound questions people are beginning to ask about God, faith and the church today, especially among young people.



Grayson Warren Brown

Internationally known Grayson Warren Brown is an author, speaker, liturgical composer and recording artist. His latest collection is titled, "Now That the Morning Has Broken the Darkness." Brown began his liturgical ministry in the late-'60s in a small inner-city parish in New York City and has many years of experience working in a multicultural setting. He now divides his time between writing, composing and travelling the country giving workshops, speaking at conventions and conducting parish missions.

4-06 SPECIAL QUESTIONS IN SEXUAL MORALITY

Gerald D. Coleman, SS

This workshop will deal with critical questions/concerns in sexual morality, with special attention to how best to understand and teach these matters, e.g., gender assessment, aberrant sexuality, pedophilia, sexual addiction and homosexuality.

4-07 ESPECIALLY FOR YOUNG ADULTS: LEADERSHIP SKILLS FOR MINISTRY AND BEYOND 🎧

Young adults bring a great deal of talent, creativity and energy to our parishes and organizations, both as paid staff members and volunteers. Yet, far too often, they are not given the opportunities, training, tools, mentoring and freedom to develop and share their wealth of gifts. Join us to explore leadership skills that can make a huge difference.

**Dr. Katherine F. DeVries**

Dr. Kate DeVries is currently Co-Director of the Young Adult Ministry Office for the Chicago Archdiocese. She formerly served as a special education teacher for high school and junior high students with severe behavioral disorders and learning disabilities. Dr. DeVries has co-authored "The Basic Guide to Young Adult Ministry," and co-hosts a monthly radio program called "The Light Show" on Chicago's Relevant Radio 950-AM.

4-08 STEWARDSHIP AND SERVANT LEADERSHIP 🎧

This interactive workshop will describe two parish leadership programs: the Stewardship Institute and the Servant Leadership Institute. The 16-week programs train parish leaders using face-to-face sessions, one-on-one coaching and online teaching methods. After a brief introductory presentation, this workshop will demonstrate what these two leadership programs are actually like by holding a session, including prayer, scriptural reflection and interactive dialogue. This session concludes with discussion about ways that any parish or diocese can use these two models for leadership development.

**Dr. Dan R. Ebener**

Dr. Dan Ebener has worked in ministry for 30 years and is currently a Professor and Organizational Leader at the College of Business at St. Ambrose University in Iowa. Since starting in church work in 1976, he presents at 20-25 conferences or retreats each year. His recent works include "Servant Leadership Models for Your Parish," "Blessings for Leaders: Leadership Wisdom from the Beatitudes," and numerous articles appearing in Sojourners, The Priest, Today's Parish, and other publications.

4-09 VATICAN II: AN UNFINISHED BUILDING SITE 🎧**Dr. Richard R. Gaillardetz**

The Second Vatican Council created a sturdy foundation for a new vision of the Church that responded to contemporary issues while remaining faithful to our ancient tradition. However, the Council's "building project" was left unfinished. This workshop will explore why that building was left unfinished and then consider the work still to be done if we are to bring the Council's project to completion.

4-10 EXCELLENCE IN ADOLESCENT CATECHESIS AND THE CREDO SERIES 🎧**Thomas Groome**

The challenges of adolescent catechesis have never been more demanding than in our time. Yet, by God's grace, there surely are life-giving and effective ways to hand on our faith to this rising generation. This workshop proposes a "life to faith to life" approach and highlights the resources of the new Credo curriculum toward excellence in adolescent catechesis.

4-11 WE ARE NOT ALONE: A MUSICAL AND PRAYERFUL JOURNEY CELEBRATING THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Coming to faith and nurturing the action of Christ in our lives is a movement, a journey steeped in prayer and celebration. This presence is alive and active in the sharing of the communal stories and meal that we hold close to our hearts. In this session, we will discover, sing and celebrate through psalms, hymns and songs, Entering the Mystery that is central to our Christian story; and in doing so, we can deepen the most sacred truth that we are not alone in the walk toward holiness and communion with God.

**David Haas**

David Haas is Director of The Emmaus Center for Music, Prayer and Ministry, and Campus Minister at Cretin-Derham Hall High School in St. Paul, Minn. In addition, he is founder and Executive Director for "Music Ministry Alive." A composer of over 45 original collections of liturgical music, Haas is one of the pre-eminent liturgical composers in the English-speaking world and was nominated in 1991 for a Grammy Award. He travels internationally presenting concerts and workshops, and is author of over 25 books in the areas of liturgy, music and spirituality.

4-12 DO TELL: SECRETS TO TEACHING SCRIPTURE WITH MIDDLE- AND HIGH-SCHOOLERS 🎧**Mark Hart**

How do we get our teens (and pre-teens) more excited about the Bible? What's the secret? Well, there isn't one ... there are many! This workshop will offer practical examples of how to approach the two age groups differently. Come laugh and learn as Mark Hart (the Bible Geek) shares secrets he's learned (and failures he'll admit) from 20 years of leading both middle school and high school Bible studies. In this session, he will share ideas, resources and catechetical approaches that have proven most effective when breaking through to the modern, screen-based adolescent.

CONGRESS FACT:

In its 57-year history, the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress, sponsored by the Los Angeles Archdiocese, has become the largest annual gathering of Roman Catholics in the nation, with over 40,000 in attendance each year.

4-13 FORMING CONSCIENCE IN A POLARIZING TIME 🗣️

Most Catholics have grown up with an understanding that they have a responsibility to form and to follow their conscience. But how does one do that in an age when some voices within the Church are polarized? How does one do that when the larger society often assumes that positions to be held by Catholics are no longer realistic? Who can speak with authority in the Catholic conscience? How sacred is freedom of conscience in the Catholic Church? The challenge of forming conscience in today's world is more daunting than ever. These and related questions will be explored and examples given.



Fr. James L. Heft, SM

Fr. James Heft, a priest in the Society of Mary, is currently the Alton Brooks Professor of Religion and President of the Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles. Previously, the Marianist priest spent many years at the University of Dayton in Ohio, as Chair of the Theology Department, as well as Provost and Chancellor. Fr. Heft has written or edited 12 books and published over 175 articles. In 2011, he was awarded the Theodore M. Hesburgh Award for his long and distinguished service to Catholic higher education.

4-14 STARTING, SUSTAINING AND SUCCEEDING WITH SOCIAL MEDIA IN THE PARISH SETTING 🗣️

How can parishes and religious educators employ social media in the parish setting? Learn strategies for starting to use social media tools – Facebook, Twitter and Pinterest – as well as other emerging strategies within the contexts and constraints of the parish. Discover social media tools for that are timely, impactful and cost effective.



Lisa Hendey

Lisa Hendey is founder and editor of CatholicMom.com and author of the bestsellers “The Handbook for Catholic Moms” and “A Book of Saints for Catholic Moms.” She is a technology contributor for EWTN’s “SonRise Morning Show” and a regular guest on Relevant Radio’s “On Call” afternoon show. Hendey is a columnist for Faith & Family, the Catholic News Agency, and Catholic Exchange, and her articles have appeared in the National Catholic Register and Our Sunday Visitor. She gives frequent workshops at diocesan congresses on faith, family and new media.

4-15 WAS THAT YOU, LORD? HEARING THE VOICE OF GOD AS ONLY YOU CAN 🗣️

Fr. Joe Kempf

Did you ever wish you could pray like someone else did? What if God does *not* want that from you? While there are many tried and true prayer practices to help people Enter the Mystery, what if how you personally hear the voice of God is in some ways unique to you? It is crucial that we learn to recognize God's voice. It is vital that we help children do the same. Join Fr. Joe Kempf for insight, suggestions, demonstrations for children, and several moving experiences to help us hear God's voice.

4-16 HOW TO BE ME WHEN THE WORLD WANTS ME TO BE SOMEBODY ELSE 🗣️

Rev. Terry Hershey

The holy trinity of our culture is bigger, faster and newer. All implying that we should be living a different life and not the one we are living now. In the end, we live overwhelmed and divided. And a divided life is a wounded life, and the soul keeps calling us to heal the wound. If we ignore that call, we try to numb our pain with an anesthetic of choice, be it overwork, consumerism or media noise. Intelligence happens when you quit trying to be smart. A sense of self appears when you no longer have a need to be somebody. Transcendence arrives when you embrace the life that is given. Holiness happens when you give up frenetic striving.

4-17 “FOR I WAS A STRANGER, AND YOU WELCOMED ME!” 🗣️

This session will focus on the biblical underpinnings of the Church's involvement in our care and concern for immigrants and immigration issues. It will give an overview of the Four Waves of Immigration in our country's history. It will examine the underlying principles for the Church's involvement in immigration and the elements we see as essential. It will look forward to the year 2030 when our country will be desperate for a workforce.



Cardinal Roger M. Mahony

Cardinal Roger Mahony led the Los Angeles Archdiocese from 1985 until his retirement in 2011. He oversaw the design and building of the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, which celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2012. Since his retirement, Cardinal Mahony has devoted himself exclusively to the cause of comprehensive immigration reform on behalf of our immigrant brothers and sisters. Recently, he celebrated his golden jubilee (50 years) as a member of the priesthood.

4-18 IT'S MORE THAN A COURSE, OF COURSE: TEN VALUES OF RENEWED PARISHES 🗣️

Fr. James Mallon

We need not only a theology but a model of renewed parishes if they are to be key in bringing about the New Evangelization in our Church. What are some of the values that underlie parishes that are effectively making disciples and evangelizing? What might this look like in a contemporary Catholic parish? What can we as leaders do to help facilitate such a culture shift in our parishes? How would this impact the way in which our ministry is carried out?

CONGRESS FACT:

RECongress annually offers a Keynote on Saturday morning (this year with Mark Shriver) and two addresses on Sunday morning: one in English (with Sr. Maureen Sullivan) and one in Spanish (with Luis Benavides).

4-19 DOES GOD REALLY HELP? 🗣️**Fr. Jonathan Morris**

Many people call themselves true “believers” – regularly praying and attending Mass. But then tragedy strikes and their faith is rattled. Peeling back the layers of questions that arise when someone asks “Why me?” or “Why does God allow suffering?” Fr. Jonathan Morris explains that God does, in fact, have a plan – and it’s during times of hardship and crisis that we have the greatest clarity about God’s presence in our lives.

4-20 SEXUALITY: CELEBRATE THE GIFT AND BECOME MAKERS OF LOVE**Terry Nelson-Johnson, DMin**

This has been a rough and tragic and lamentable era with respect to Catholics and sexuality – what with all the scandals, cover-ups, lawsuits, shame, pain and victims. In the hope and service of redeeming our relationship with sexuality, both personally and corporately, perhaps we need to *return to the basics*: Sexuality is a mystery; sexuality is a gift; sexuality is a sacrament for God’s sake! When we participate in the mystery of sexuality, in all of its manifestations, in a manner that reflects the Author of the Gift, we become makers of life and love! This is about as Catholic as it gets ... and it is *Good News!*

4-21 DIARY OF AN UNAPOLOGETIC ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIEST 🗣️**Rev. R. Tony Ricard, MTh, MDiv**

More often than not, the vocational call of a Roman Catholic priest puts him in the position of having to defend his faith and the teachings of Holy Mother Church. From our vow of celibacy to our unwavering stance on the protection of life, many things that make us Catholic also sets us up in a position that can be opposite to that of the modern world. We must not waver on what we believe if what we believe is the truth! This interactive workshop will address some of the most controversial teachings of our faith. Congress participants will be given the opportunity to ask questions and share in a dialogue with an unapologetic Roman Catholic priest!

4-22 BABIES SHOULD BE BEGOTTEN, NOT MADE: INFERTILITY AND *IN VITRO* FERTILIZATION

This workshop will be divided into two parts: Science and Ethics. In the first part, Fr. Tad Pacholczyk will examine the techniques involved in *in vitro* fertilization (IVF) and related forms of assisted reproductive technologies, multiple conceptions and the use of hyper/super-ovulatory drugs. Part two will examine the moral questions regarding human procreation and the gift of human life, IVF and ramifications for marriage through violations of exclusivity and surrogacy, the moral and ethical difficulties in the treatment of extra-corporeal human embryos and the consideration of the financial/economic factors that skew the ethical discussion.

**Rev. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, PhD**

Fr. Tad Pacholczyk, a priest of the Diocese of Fall River, Mass., is Director of Education for the National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia. With his advanced work in dogmatic theology and bioethics, he has testified on stem cell research and cloning before members of state legislatures. Fr. Tad has given presentations on contemporary bioethics throughout Europe, Canada and the United States, as well as appearing on CNN International, ABC World News Tonight, and National Public Radio.

4-23 EMPOWERING VIBRANT FAITH @ HOME 🗣️

Imagine families of all ages and stages in your parish with the ability to: *Talk* with each other about their faith; *Pray* together in ways that are comfortable and comforting; *Ritualize* their important moments; and *Reach Out* in service and support of others. This workshop will offer proven strategies and tools to empower families and households to explore faith at home. Utilizing the popular web resources of Vibrant Faith @ Home, this session will demonstrate how many parishes and congregations are forging creative partnerships between the church and the home and creating working networks that effectively extend their faith formation ministries into the home for families of all ages and stages.

**John Roberto**

John Roberto, President of LifelongFaith Associates, is editor of the Lifelong Faith Journal and coordinator of the Faith Formation 2020 Initiative and the Faith Formation Learning Exchange (with Vibrant Faith Ministries). He works as a consultant to churches and national organizations, and gives presentations and workshops in lifelong faith formation across the United States. Roberto’s latest publication is entitled “Faith Formation 2020: Designing the Future of Faith.”

**Leif Kehrwald**

Leif Kehrwald has worked in family ministry and faith formation on the local, regional and national levels for more than 30 years. Currently he serves as Vibrant Faith @ Home Team Leader, based in Portland, Ore. He formerly served as Project Coordinator for Family and Intergenerational Services at the Center for Ministry Development. Kehrwald has taught courses at the university level and travels frequently throughout the country offering presentations and workshops on family faith development.

4-24 THE HEART OF THE MATTER: THE INNER LOGIC OF THE GOSPEL OF JOHN 🗣️**Donald Senior, CP**

In some ways, the Gospel of John can seem abstract and difficult to understand. Yet, a deeper probe into the dynamic theology of John reveals its profound simplicity and powerful message. As one commentator has described it: “John’s Gospel is one in which a child can wade and an elephant can drown!” This presentation will search out the deep logic of this Gospel whose portrayal of Jesus as the Word made Flesh expresses the essential message of Christianity.

CONGRESS FACT:

Dance is a part of the experience of some of the liturgies at Congress. Its purpose is to add expression to the moment and meant to help lead us to deeper prayer and reflection.

4-25 JESUS AND THE MYSTERY OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Jesus reveals to the disciples that the mystery of the Kingdom of God has been made known to them (Mark 4:11). But that, for those outside this inner circle, everything comes in parables. Ironically, the disciples themselves struggled to understand these parables and the meaning of the Kingdom of God. In this workshop, we will explore: What shape did the Kingdom of God take in the ministry of Jesus? Can we imagine Jesus as the parable of God? What does it mean for us as disciples to understand and work for the coming of God's Kingdom? How do we explain and live out this mystery in our concrete lives in this time and place? These are some of the mysteries we will seek to fathom through the exploration of Scripture.



Jeffrey S. Siker

Since 1987, Dr. Jeffrey Siker has taught at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles as Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity in the Department of Theological Studies, where he has served as Graduate Director and as Chair of the Department. He is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and teaches widely throughout the region at churches and varied settings, including several appearances at the L.A. Congress. Author of several books, Dr. Siker's most recent work is entitled "President Obama, the Bible, and Political Rhetoric."

4-26 NEW EVIDENCE FROM PHYSICS FOR AN INTELLIGENT CREATOR – RESPONDING TO THE NEW ATHEISM

The new popular atheism movement may lead one to suspect that faith and science are opposed to one another. Fr. Robert Spitzer will address (in laymen's terms) the three most significant kinds of evidence for intelligent creation from physics: space-time geometry proofs; new evidence from entropy; and fine-tuning of cosmological constants. He will then describe resources that can be used in high schools, confirmation programs, colleges and parish adult-ed programs that explain these points, as well as "the Bible and science," evolution, the survival of self-consciousness after bodily death, and aliens.



Fr. Robert J. Spitzer, SJ, PhD

Jesuit priest Fr. Robert Spitzer is currently President of the Magis Institute and of the Spitzer Center in Irvine, Calif. He was president of Gonzaga University from 1998 to 2009, and has published five books and many scholarly articles for which he has won awards. Fr. Spitzer gives over 90 public lectures per year at universities in Canada, Europe, Hong Kong and the United States to Boards of Directors of major corporations, to priests' conferences and other Catholic academic societies and meetings.

4-27 THE YEAR OF FAITH AND NEW EVANGELIZATION

How do we profess, celebrate, live and transmit the faith in cultures and societies that may not be receptive to it? This is the basic question to be addressed in this session, with much sharing from the Asian Pacific perspective.



Archbishop Luis Antonio G. Tagle, DD, STD

Most Rev. Luis Antonio Tagle is Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Manila, Philippines. He is a member of the Council of the Synod of Bishops, and also Chair of Federation of Asian Bishops Conference' Office of Theological Concerns. Archbishop Tagle is a former member of the International Theological Commission in Rome. He appeared at the 2012 Eucharistic Congress in Dublin, Ireland and is a frequent speaker at the L.A. Congress.

4-28 BEING PRESENT TO EACH OTHER

Most of the time, we live conditioned by past experiences or worried about the future. How can we free ourselves of the emotional residue from the past and the anticipatory anxiety about the future in order to be fully present to each other? In this session, you will learn spiritual and psychological approaches to allow you to live mindfully in the present and fulfill God's design for your life.



Dr. John Yzaguirre

Dr. John Yzaguirre is a psychologist and author specializing in family life and Catholic spirituality. He co-directs the California Prosocial Institute with his wife, Claire Frazier Yzaguirre, MFT, MDiv, with whom he has co-authored "Thriving Marriages." He has been a keynote speaker at conventions in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Europe and Australia. In addition to his active private practice in Irvine, Calif., he offers his family life formation programs in many dioceses throughout the United States.

4-70 Năm Phụng Vụ: Sống Mầu Nhiệm Vượt Qua

Linh mục Bartôlômêô Phạm Đức Thịnh

Bài hội thảo sẽ phân tích tầm quan trọng của Năm Phụng Vụ như là khuôn mẫu của Giáo Lý Phụng Vụ và thảo luận làm thế nào các mùa phụng vụ sẽ giúp các tín hữu hiểu, nhớ, cử hành và sống trọn vẹn Mầu Nhiệm Vượt Qua.

THE LITURGICAL YEAR: LIVING OUT THE PASCHAL MYSTERY

Rev. Thịnh Duc Pham

This workshop will analyze the importance of the liturgical year as the framework of liturgical catechesis and discuss how the liturgical seasons will enable the faithful to understand, remember, celebrate and live out fully the Paschal Mystery.



5-01 ALL THINGS CATHOLIC: WHAT'S HOT AND WHAT'S NOT IN THE GLOBAL CHURCH 🗣️

John L. Allen Jr.

Veteran Vatican writer John Allen takes a 360-degree look at the highlights and lowlights of Catholic news in the past 12 months, drawing out a few big-picture conclusions about what it all means, and then outlines some important stories to watch in the year to come. This session is for Catholics who want a keen sense of what's happening in their Church, not just in the United States, but in Rome and around the world.

5-02 CULTIVATING A EUCHARISTIC SPIRITUALITY

Is Mass just another item on your busy calendar? Or is it a life-changing encounter with the Real Presence of Christ? This session explores the ways in which we can enter into this mystery of our faith as we experience Eucharist as a pathway to transformation, an invitation to spiritual healing, and a renewed call to discipleship.



Dr. Mary Amore

Dr. Mary Amore is Executive Director of Mayslake Ministries, based in Lombard, Ill. She is author of numerous articles and the book "Primary Symbols of Worship and the Call to Participation," and a regular contributor to Ministry & Liturgy Magazine.

In her professional ministry, Dr. Amore is a highly sought-after presenter of missions, retreats and workshops and was keynote speaker at the "Feed My Lambs" Conference for the Diocese of Manchester, Ill. She is a Cardinal Bernardin Scholar and a distinguished member of the North American Academy of Liturgy.

5-03 DANCING INTO THE LIGHT 🗣️

Betsey Beckman, MM & Laura Ash

Jesus calls us to be transfigured with him – to step into the light and be filled with God's radiance. Are you ready?! Sacred dance and embodied prayer are some of the most down-to-earth ways we can be imbued with the light of heaven. Come explore how liturgical movement, procession, drama, sign language and gesture can enhance our communal prayer and be a way to offer ourselves wholeheartedly to God's mystery among us.

5-04 BUILDING BIBLICAL LITERACY IN PARISHES 🗣️

A 2010 Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life study showed that Catholics trail behind other religious groups in biblical literacy, including Mormons, Jews, Protestants, and atheists/agnostics. How can religious educators equip laity to not only become more knowledgeable about the Bible, but to see the practice of reading Scripture as central to their formation? In this co-led workshop, attendees will be challenged to connect biblical literacy with the New Evangelization. Mickey Maudlin will serve as moderator for the workshop.



Tom East

Tom East is Director of the Center for Ministry Development, based in Gig Harbor, Wash., and author of numerous books. Previously, he served the Los Angeles Archdiocese as Director of Youth Ministry and Associate Director of Religious Education.



Dr. Thomas Groome

Dr. Tom Groome is Professor of Theology and Religious Education, and Chair of the Institute of Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry Department at Boston College's School of Theology and Ministry.



Michael G. Maudlin

Mickey Maudlin is Senior Vice President, Executive Editor, and Director of Bible Publishing for HarperOne, the religion and spirituality division of HarperCollins. Before coming to Harper in 2002, he worked for 14 years at Christianity Today magazine.



Fr. Jonathan Morris

Fr. Jonathan Morris is Program Director for Sirius-XM's "Catholic Channel," the Communications Advisor to New York's archbishop, Cardinal Timothy Dolan, and also serves as Parochial Vicar at the historic St. Patrick's Old Cathedral in New York City.



Mary Elizabeth Sperry

Since 1993, Mary Sperry has worked for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington, D.C., promoted to Associate Director for Utilization of The New American Bible in 2011. (The NAB Revised Edition was released on March 9, 2011).

5-05 SAVING LIVES IS FOR THE COAST GUARD 🗣️

With a ministry to gang members as the backdrop, this workshop will explore burn-out, reasonable expectations, the saving grace of mutuality, and kinship in ministry.



Fr. Gregory J. Boyle, SJ

Jesuit priest Fr. Greg Boyle has been an advocate for at-risk and gang-involved youth in Los Angeles for over 25 years. He is founder and Director of Jobs For A Future/Homeboy Industries, the largest gang intervention and employment referral program for gang-involved youth in the United States. As an expert on gangs and intervention approaches, Fr. Boyle is a nationally renowned speaker and consultant and serves as a member of local and national gang advisory boards. His latest book is entitled "Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion."

BOOK SIGNING
Last year at Congress, there were 74 scheduled times by 43 authors and musical artists to sign their books, CDs or other materials (pictured is Fr. Greg Boyle).



CONGRESS TRIVIA:

Los Angeles Archbishop José Gomez continued the tradition begun by Cardinal Roger Mahony in conducting an annual online chat live from Congress – with transcripts found online at www.RECongress.org/chat/

5-06 ENGAGING CHILDREN IN CATECHESIS THROUGH SONG 🎧

John Burland

As religious educators, we recognize the power of song to enrich our children's journey in faith. Song deepens understanding, adds enjoyment to learning, nurtures prayer and fosters celebration. Using song and gesture, John Burland will demonstrate how music can be easily incorporated into religious education as a highly effective teaching and learning strategy. A variety of catechetical themes will be addressed during this session, including Scripture and the sacraments. Come ready to participate in songs and activities that will energize and engage your students as they journey in faith.

5-07 CREATING A PARISH CATECHISM 🎧

From etchings on catacomb walls to the majesty of stained glass windows worldwide, the earliest "catechisms" that taught and preserved the faith were visual. From primitive images of Mary to stone and wood carvings or glass depictions of saints and Bible stories, the encounters with God and human beings are enshrined forever in our churches. But what if people do not know the meaning or significance of what they see in their parish church? This workshop will be a lot of fun. It will offer you an easy, visual way to create a "catechism" found in all the religious images, art and liturgical tools that are visible in your very own church building.



Rev. John C. Cusick

Ordained for the Chicago Archdiocese, Fr. John Cusick began the archdiocesan ministry to those in their 20s and 30s in 1977. He has maintained that ministry for the archdiocese and is presently Director of Young Adult Ministry. Fr. Cusick has been a part of the Theology-on-Tap program for the past 29 years. In 2013, he received the Blessed John XXIII Award from the Association of Chicago Priests. Fr. Cusick speaks nationally and internationally at diocesan conferences, parish missions and priest convocations. He resides at Old St. Patrick's Church in downtown Chicago.

5-08 DIE TO SELF WITHOUT LOSING YOURSELF IN THE PROCESS

Amy Florian

As Christians, we are constantly urged to "die to ourselves." What does that mean? To what things do we need to die in order to follow Christ? Come with an open heart to hear some challenging reflections and practical steps. Gain understanding that allows you to progress further down this very important path of discipleship and to lead those you serve to do the same.

5-09 DISCIPLESHIP BOOTCAMP: SPIRITUAL EXERCISES TO ENTER THE MYSTERY 🎧

Fr. Richard Fragomeni

In this Year of Faith, being a disciple means being a student of the mysteries. This session will explore five spiritual exercises that will prepare the disciple to go beyond the concerns of this age into the ageless heart of Christ.

5-10 FRIEND OF GOD: ENTERING INTO THE MYSTERY OF RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD 🎧

Moses was a remarkable man: A person who should not have survived childhood, brought up in a palace, yet harboring a deep passion for his oppressed people; the God he met in the desert transformed him from a man who feared a relationship with mystery to one who knew God face to face. This workshop explores the spiritual formation of this Old Testament character and the lessons we might learn from it today.



Renata Furst, PhD

Dr. Renata Furst is a Latina scholar with extensive experience in adult faith education for Hispanic and non-Hispanic people. In addition to teaching at the parish level, Dr. Furst has taught in both English and Spanish at the graduate level at several universities in Texas, New Jersey, and Quebec, Canada. She is currently an Assistant Professor of Scripture and Spirituality at the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio.

5-11 CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?

Join artists Liam Lawton, Tony Alonso, Chris de Silva, ValLimar Jansen, Gary Daigle, and others in this striking and evocative theatrical performance. "Can You Hear Me Now?" by Francis Patrick O'Brien invites us all to leave the clamor, chaos and influences of our world behind. This exploration of God's call to humanity and our response is illustrated through events in the lives of biblical characters and contemporary believers. "Can You Hear Me Now?" asks us to stop and listen through the din of life's encounters and to answer God's perpetual call to discipleship with our resounding, "Yes, I can hear you now!"



The artists appearing in this workshop – including Liam Lawton, Tony Alonso, Chris de Silva, ValLimar Jansen, Gary Daigle and others – are sponsored by GIA Publications, Inc., publisher of music resources for the church. The work of GIA's composers, authors and artists reflect the diversity of today's eclectic church. "Can You Hear Me Now?" debuted at the 2010 National Association of Pastoral Musicians' National Convention.

CONGRESS FACT:

Eucharistic liturgies have always been a key element of the Congress experience. This year there are 16 liturgies of different character being offered throughout the weekend, along with prayer services and Stations of the Cross.

5-12 MIGRATION AND THE EUCHARIST 🗣️

This workshop will look at this issue of migration from a theological and spiritual perspective, especially in light of the Eucharist. To understand the global issue and faith as a universal issue, we will look at migration from a contemporary perspective, a biblical perspective, a liturgical perspective, and a social justice perspective. We will explore how a better understanding of migration gives us a new way of understanding the Scriptures, and a deeper understanding of the Scriptures gives us a new way of understanding the God who migrated to us in Jesus and calls us to a return journey to him in discipleship.

**Fr. Daniel G. Groody, CSC, PhD**

Fr. Daniel Groody is a Catholic priest, a Holy Cross religious, a scholar, teacher and an award-winning author and film producer. He is currently an Associate Professor of Theology and Director of the Center for Latino Spirituality and Culture at the Institute for Latino Studies at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana. Fr. Groody has authored numerous books and articles, and has been consulted by the U.S. Congress, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, the World Council of Churches, and the Vatican.

5-13 THE STRUGGLE TO SERVE: MINISTERING WITH HOPE IN TODAY'S CHURCH 🗣️

Let's be honest: It's not easy ministering in today's Church. At times, we can feel caught between an inflexible hierarchy on the one hand, and an indifferent culture on the other. In the midst of this, our parish communities are experiencing profound changes – leaving us wondering if we will be equipped to serve the Church that is coming. This session will name the most important forces shaping our parish communities today and then look ahead to the ways we as pastoral leaders can respond with faith, integrity and hope.

**Edward P. Hahnenberg, PhD**

Dr. Edward Hahnenberg is the Breen Chair in Catholic Systematic Theology at John Carroll University in Cleveland. He is author of three books – “Ministries: A Relational Approach,” “A Concise Guide to the Documents of Vatican II,” and “Awakening Vocation.” Dr. Hahnenberg is past consultant to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Subcommittee on Lay Ministry and current delegate to the U.S. Lutheran-Catholic Dialogue.

5-14 SCIENCE, RELIGION AND FAITH: THE CHALLENGE OF MODERN ATHEISM 🗣️

It has been asserted that religion and faith are the enemies of science and rational thinking. The Four Horsemen of Atheism (Hitchens, Dawkins, Dennett and Harris) have challenged religion and faith and accused them of being not only anti-scientific, but anti-human. This presentation will look at the assertions made by the Four Horsemen of Atheism, examine recent scientific discoveries and research and their impact on our understanding of creation, and provide a positive defense of our faith while demonstrating how science and religion can exist in positive relationship to each other. (This general interest session is especially for those teaching young adults.)

**Darrell Hall**

Darrell Hall is teacher of religious education at the senior high level at St. Thomas More Collegiate in Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada, where he formerly served as principal for 10 years. With a background of 33 years in religious education, he has spoken at the Catholic Educators' Conference in the Diocese of Vancouver, Canada; at the Reverence for Life conferences; and at various senior high schools and retreats. Hall's book on Christian apologetics is titled “I Am Convinced: God, the Truth and You.”

5-15 MISSION-BASED CATECHESIS: THE TIME IS NOW! 🗣️**Jack Jezreel**

Many, perhaps most, catechetical strategies presume a static Church and a flimsy sense of the Church's mission in the world. Meanwhile, the North American Church continues to lose members, especially young adults, who seek meaning, purpose and answers to the world's crises. What if catechesis was fully integrated with mission (as it is supposed to be!)? How might we think about religious education, RCIA, youth ministry and evangelization through the vital lens of being “Good News” to those who are poor, hungry, homeless, exploited or abandoned. Consider a new, compelling model of catechesis that seeks to form passionately compassionate disciples.

5-16 MOVIES TO PRAY BY**Rev. Richard Leonard, SJ**

Some people are wary of the cinema because of the worst movies that are on the screens. There are, however, films – and sometimes not overtly religious ones – that can move us to a deeper communication with God. This workshop will look at the media context within which our people explore their faith and offer movie suggestions for the classroom, retreats, reflection days, rites of initiation (RCIA), and formation nights.

5-17 WALK THE WAY: ENTER THE MYSTERY 🗣️

When Kieran of Clonmacnoise, Ireland, left his home to go to school, little did he know what would follow his first steps. Though he died at the age of 33, his work lived on for centuries. Rarely do we know how the mystery of God's providence unfolds in our lives. Drawing inspiration from the lives of St. Kieran and life's pilgrims before us, in this session, we will consider the unfolding of God's providence on the pilgrim way of our own lives.

**Fr. David Loftus**

Fr. David Loftus, a priest of the Los Angeles Archdiocese, is graduate of both All Hallows College in Dublin, Ireland, and Boston College. Fr. Loftus currently serves as Administrator of Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Northridge, Calif. He formerly served in the Office of Religious Education in Los Angeles, and maintains membership in the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership, in which he has served as Vice President. Fr. Loftus is author of several articles for Catechetical Leader magazine, and has speaking engagements nationally and internationally.

5-18 LEARNING TO PRAY 🕊

“How do I pray?” is a common question. Many Catholics worry that they aren’t praying the “right” way. But the “right” way is whatever works best for you. This interactive session will introduce you to a wealth of Catholic traditions of prayer and teach you how to use them in your daily life: Ignatian contemplation, *lectio divina*, centering prayer, adoration, nature prayer, journaling, and a variety of accessible ways to help you experience God more deeply in prayer.



James Martin, SJ

Jesuit priest Fr. James Martin is Contributing Editor of America Magazine. He is the author of several award-winning books including, most recently, “Between Heaven and Mirth,” “The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything” and “My Life with the Saints.”

A popular speaker, Fr. Martin is a frequent speaker at national conferences, retreats and parish groups, and has given presentations at the Religious Education Congress each year for the past several years.

5-19 THE MYSTERY OF FAITH: JESUS’ PRAYER, PASSION AND POWER 🕊

“The Mystery of Faith” unfolds in Jesus’ Prayer (John 17:1-26), ultimate Passion, resurrected power and reign forever! This prayerful workshop will examine how the mystery of faith fashions our Catholic identity and ongoing relationship with the Lord. It takes simple doctrine taught from childhood and gives meaning that feeds the soul. A life-changing experience!



Sr./Dr. Oralisa Martin

Sr./Dr. Oralisa Martin is a workshop presenter, teacher, revivalist and charismatic healer, who has taught youth for over 20 years. She is founder and President of ORACLE Religious Association, based in Washington, D.C., and founder of their National Summer Institute for Youth. Sr. Martin previously served as a consultant for the Los Angeles Archdiocese, where she founded the African-American Catholic Catechetical Conference. She travels extensively giving revivals, retreats and keynote addresses, and also serves as liturgist for St. Teresa of Avila Church in Washington, D.C.

5-20 ARE YOU CERTIFIABLE? EXAMINING THE NATIONAL LEM CERTIFICATION PROCESS 🕊

Charlotte McCorquodale, PhD

The new national certification process for Lay Ecclesial Ministers (LEM) is less than a year old and it has already begun to set the national standards by which ministerial competence is measured. National certification provides many benefits to lay ecclesial ministers and to the Church that they serve. Workshop participants will have the opportunity to understand the elements of the national process and evaluate their readiness, as well as interest in national certification.

CONGRESS FACT:

The first “Southern California Confraternity Congress” was held on January 13-15, 1967, at a hotel near the Los Angeles International Airport.

5-21 “TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH” (MATT. 19:5): THE BIBLE ON MARRIAGE 🕊

Fr. J. Patrick Mullen, PhD

Sacramental marriage requires effort, discipline and a clear desire to follow Jesus’ example of selflessness. It’s seldom easy, but always worth it. This workshop returns to biblical encouragements, laying out the pertinent passages (including the ever controversial passages on mutual submission), to encourage couples to a more focused, God-centered and biblical ideal for couples to strive toward and find mutual happiness.

5-22 A COVENANT FOR ALL GENERATIONS: BUILDING AN INTERGENERATIONAL CHURCH 🕊

How can parishes reach out to folds in their 20s and 30s? What might your parish look like if it were to embrace a paradigm that incorporates intergeneration ministries? This workshop proves an opportunity to think and pray together about in-person, print and online outreach to young adults involved in and on the edges of our Catholic communities.



Jennifer Owens, MDiv

Jennifer Owens is a doctoral student in Christian Spirituality at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, Calif. She has taught at the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University and at The Institute for Pastoral Ministry in the Diocese of Orange, Calif. Owens currently serves as Faith Formation Minister for Teens and Young Adults at St. Augustine Church in Oakland, and lives in an intentional community in Berkeley Hills. She has contributed to “Give Us This Day” and is co-editor of “From the Pews in the Back: Young Women and Catholicism.”

5-23 CARE AND TREATMENT DECISIONS FOR COMPROMISED PATIENTS OR PATIENTS AT THE END OF LIFE

Rev. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, PhD

In this session, Fr. Tad Pacholczyk will discuss end-of-life circumstances that call for ethical decision-making. A basic understanding and context for discussing pain and suffering will be given. Medical particulars that are important to the ethical considerations regarding the provision of nutrition and hydration will also be discussed. An analysis of the allocution of Pope John Paul II on the provision of artificial hydration and nutrition to persistent vegetative state patients will be reviewed, as well as an explanation of the principle of double effect as it is found in Catholic moral tradition and in the American Medical Association’s Code of Medical Ethics. Discussion will also ensue on the elements of a good death.

5-24 WHAT THE YOUNG CHURCH WANTS YOU TO KNOW (BUT DOESN'T TELL YOU) 🗣️

Roy Petitfils has spent years listening to young people. He's heard them share things he knew they weren't sharing with their friends and other adults. In this dynamic, humorous session, you'll learn what's really going on inside the minds and hearts of young people. You'll be surprised by what they most deeply want adults to know about them and what they really want from us. You'll walk away with tools and strategies for incorporating this information into the way you minister, teach, preach and parent.

**Roy Petitfils, MS, LPC**

For 20 years, Roy Petitfils has ministered in parish, diocesan and school settings as teacher, high school campus minister, administrator and school counselor. Today, he is a counselor in private practice. He has presented at numerous national and regional conferences, workshops and parish missions throughout the United States, speaking in over 20 dioceses. Petitfils writes a syndicated monthly column and has published articles and books; his latest, due out in January 2013, is entitled "What Teens Want You to Know (But Won't Tell You)."

5-25 THREE POPES: ONE COMMON MESSAGE 🗣️

In 1959, Pope John XXIII announced to the world that he was convening an ecumenical council. In 1983, Pope John Paul II called for a "New Evangelization." This year, Pope Benedict XVI has called for a Year of Faith. When one examines the reason for each of these key moments in recent church history, one is amazed by what is held in common! In this presentation, we will look at these events to discern the theological purpose of each and we will discover a deep connection to the beautiful prayer offered by St. Augustine: "O Beauty, ever ancient, ever new."

**Sr. Maureen Sullivan, OP**

Sr. Maureen Sullivan is a Dominican Sister of Hope from New York. For the past 23 years, she has been a Professor of Theology at St. Anselm College in New Hampshire. In addition to her teaching, she also serves as a religion consultant for the RCL Benziger Publishing Company. Sr. Sullivan has written two books on Vatican II: "101 Questions and Answers on Vatican II" and "The Road to Vatican II: Key Changes in Theology."

5-26 PARENTING IS NOT FOR WIMPS! 🗣️**Char Wenc, MEd**

The job of parents is indeed challenging at times. It is difficult to know what to do and how to do it! Children do not come with manuals and we often do the best that we know how. It can be difficult to be consistent in our decisions regarding our children's behavior. However, it is one of the greatest gifts of love we give them. It takes courage and grace from God. In this workshop, Char Wenc will entertain, encourage and empower you with practical parenting skills that she has learned from her 30 years as a parent, parent educator and coach.

5-27 GOD CALLED ME TO DANCE, EVEN IF I'M OUT OF STEP 🗣️**Madonna Wojtaszek-Healy**

Full inclusion of people with disabilities in the life of the Church benefits us all. Children with autism spectrum disorders can pose behavioral problems in classroom and catechetical settings. Dr. Wojtaszek-Healy will share insights and strategies for evangelizing these children and their families.

5-70 Đức Tin: Huyền Thoại hay Huyền Nhiệm 🗣️

Đức tin là yếu tố căn bản không thể thiếu trong đời sống con người. Tại sao ngày nay nhiều người chối bỏ đức tin và cố gắng một đời sống không cần đức tin? Liệu con người có thể sống mà không tin vào Thiên Chúa không? Trong năm Đức Tin, chúng ta cần phải hiểu và sống đức tin thế nào để người khác nhìn thấy đây thật sự là một huyền nhiệm, và chắc chắn không là một huyền thoại.

FAITH: MYTH OR MYSTERY? 🗣️

Many contemporaries define faith as myth. Can people survive without faith in God? What are the reasons for the rise in atheism today? During this Year of Faith, we need to try to understand and live our faith in such a way that others can see in us and recognize that faith is truly a mystery and certainly not a myth.

**Cha Hy K. Nguyễn
Rev. Hy K. Nguyen, SS**

Cha Hy K. Nguyễn, Dòng Xuân Bích, chịu chức Linh Mục năm 1997, đã tốt nghiệp Tiến Sĩ Hiến Chế Thần Học tại Đại học Gregorion và đã dạy tại Chung viện St. Mary và Đại học ở Baltimore được 6 năm. Hiện tại Cha đang dạy học ở Oblate về môn Thần học, Đại học tư thục Mẹ - Mỹ và cũng là thành phần trong ban Giảng Viên tại đại chủng Viện Assumption, San Antonio.

Fr. Hy K. Nguyen, a Sulpician, was ordained in 1997. He received his doctorate in dogmatic theology at Gregorian University, and taught at St. Mary Seminary & University in Baltimore for six years. He is now teaching at the Oblate School of Theology, Mexican American Catholic College, and a faculty member at Assumption Seminary in San Antonio.



6-01 MARY AS MOTHER OF THE WORD AND STAR OF THE NEW EVANGELIZATION

Stephen J. Binz

As mother of the Word, Mary shows us how to read Scripture as the way to listen to the voice of God, to understand the story of salvation, and to discover the Book of Christ. She shows us how to meditate on Scripture, to experience it with the heart, expecting to be transformed by the Word. By reading Scripture like Mary, we enter a more personal relationship with Jesus and we become living witnesses to the Risen Christ in the world. As star of the New Evangelization, Mary guides the barque of Peter through the night's darkness and leads the Church to a new dawn. She helps us see the radiant beauty of our faith and shows us how to express it to others.

6-02 PRIESTHOOD: THE PROBLEM AND THE PROMISE

The Church has struggled with the issue of promoting priestly vocations for several decades. Our understanding of priesthood in relation to the calling of all Christians in baptism is vital. This workshop will look at where we have been and where we are going in understanding the vocation of priests.



Rev. Lawrence Christian

Fr. Larry Christian has worked with Catholic parishes as pastor or faith formation minister for over 25 years. Since 2010, he has served as Pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Church in San Antonio. Additionally, Fr. Christian serves the San Antonio Archdiocese working as an adjunct professor at the Oblate School of Theology. Originally from California, he formerly served as rector of Assumption Seminary, overseeing a \$13 million expansion campaign. Fr. Christian has spoken at numerous conferences and serves on many pastoral boards.

6-03 HIV/AIDS: WHERE ARE WE TODAY?

More than 30 years into the global HIV/AIDS epidemic, HIV rarely makes the headlines any more. Although progress has been made in treating and preventing HIV, it is still a very real challenge to those infected and those affected individuals and communities. Join Dr. Elizabeth Crabb Breen as she shares her expertise, reports on the latest advances, and answers questions about HIV and AIDS.



Elizabeth Crabb Breen, PhD

Dr. Elizabeth Crabb Breen is an Immunologist with more than 25 years' experience in HIV/AIDS research at the University of California, Los Angeles, where she is Associate Professor at the David Geffen School of Medicine. Dr. Breen has also served the Los Angeles Archdiocese AIDS Education Task Force/Human Sexuality Committee since 1989. She continues to speak frequently both locally and nationally about the immune system, HIV infection and AIDS.

CONGRESS FACT:

In 1970, the then-named "Confraternity of Catholic Doctrine Congress" moved from the LAX-area to its new home at the Anaheim Convention Center.

6-04 ENTER THE MYSTERY: GRACE, REVELATION AND JESUS

Carol J. Dempsey, OP, PhD

The Gospel writers invite us to see "behind the veil" with the disciples and to appreciate the gift of grace and revelation in relation to the life of Jesus. This workshop explores the element of mystery as it appears in these five biblical narratives: Jesus' Baptism, Peter's confession, the Transfiguration, the Emmaus story, and Jesus' appearance to Mary at the tomb.

6-05 ADULT FAITH FORMATION: FROM INFORMATION TO TRANSFORMATION, FROM PROGRAM TO PROCESS

What does it mean to be an "adult centered" community of faith? What does it take to move adults from complacency to vibrancy, and intentionally form disciples who are "on fire" for Christ? This workshop explores contemporary issues and creative strategies to reach out to our adults who come from diverse cultural, ethnic, educational, vocational, social, political and spiritual realities. Participants will gain a greater understanding of the changing landscape of religious diversity among adults and examine national and global trends that are influencing adult faith formation and identify creative strategies in ministering effectively and intentionally.



Julianne Donlon-Stanz

Julianne Donlon-Stanz is Director of Adult Faith Formation for the Diocese of Green Bay, Wis. Born in Ireland, she has extensive workshop, retreat and presentation experience both locally and nationally, and is currently working on a doctorate. Donlon-Stanz is a consultant to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Catechesis and Evangelization. She is co-editor of "Come Follow Me" (with Michael O'Rourke) and "A Shepherd Tends His Flock" (with John Grotti).

6-06 BLESSINGS FOR LEADERS: THE LEADERSHIP WISDOM OF JESUS

Dr. Dan R. Ebener

This interactive workshop will focus on the Gospel of Matthew, particularly the Beatitudes of Jesus, to find insight into Christian leadership. After opening with prayer, scriptural reflection and a brief presentation, participants will: 1) dialogue about eight virtues associated with the Beatitudes; 2) discuss lessons that can be gleaned about the leadership style of Jesus; and 3) draw conclusions about what this means for the practice of leadership. Specific examples will be presented and discussed to illustrate the potential that servant leadership holds for today's church and society.

6-07 THE LAND OF JESUS: A SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE 🗨️

This workshop is especially intended for all those who have desired to walk with Jesus in his own land, but have never been able to visit the Holy Land. The presentation includes musical accompaniment of singer/composer Pedro Rubalcava, as well as visual meditations on holy sites such as the Cave of the Annunciation, Bethlehem, the desert and the Sea of Galilee, and Jerusalem.

**Rev. Dr. Virgilio Elizondo**

Fr./Dr. Virgilio Elizondo is widely acclaimed as the founder of U.S. Latino theology. In 1972, he established the Mexican-American Cultural Center. Fr. Elizondo has lectured and taught throughout the Western hemisphere. In 1999, he joined the faculty at the University of Notre Dame as Professor of Pastoral and Hispanic Theology at the Institute for Latino Studies. He continues to commute from his primary residence in San Antonio, where he directs programming initiatives with Catholic Television of San Antonio and serves as vicar of St. Rose of Lima Parish.

**Dr. Timothy Matovina**

Dr. Timothy Matovina is Professor of Theology and Executive Director of the Institute for Latino Studies at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana. He has offered presentations and workshops on U.S. Catholicism and various theological topics for dioceses, pastoral institutes and ministry formation programs throughout the United States. Dr. Matovina is a frequent and popular speaker at the Religious Education Congress in Los Angeles. His latest books are "Latino Catholicism: Transformation in America's Largest Church" and "Virgilio Elizondo: Spiritual Writings."

6-08 SACRAMENTS AS DOORS TO THE SACRED AND RITES OF PASSAGE 🗨️

Where do we come from and where are we going? How do we know we are following the right path? Throughout history, people have asked themselves these essential questions. In the celebration of sacraments, God – who becomes present through the Word, sacraments and the gathered assembly – embraces us throughout life's key stages, which allows us to continue our holy journey. During these times of initiation, maturation, healing, commitment and vocation, sacraments open doors to the Sacred. By engaging visual images and stories of communities worldwide, this workshop explores the relationship between the sacraments and life passage rituals.

**Rev. Eduardo C. Fernández, SJ**

In addition to teaching classes in missiology and Hispanic theology and ministry at the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University and the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, both in California, Fr. Eduardo Fernández publishes, gives workshops and retreats, and assists at local parishes. He has also worked in university campus ministry. His latest books are the award-winning "Mexican American Catholics" and "Culture-Sensitive Ministry," co-authored with Kenneth McGuire, CSP and Anne Hansen.

6-09 THE THEOLOGICAL FOUNDATIONS OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING 🗨️

James Hanvey, SJ

This workshop will explore the way in which Catholic Social Teaching is also grounded theologically in the Doctrine of God and in the doctrine of the Person of Christ and the Holy Spirit. It will explore the ways in which the foundational concepts of Catholic Social Teaching leads to a performative theology in the world which witnesses to the action of God and the coming of the Kingdom.

6-10 THE GIFT OF CULTURAL HURRICANES: HOW TO BUILD BRIDGES THAT EMPOWER PARENTS AND TRANSFORM CATHOLIC FAMILIES 🗨️

Parish leaders live in a cultural hurricane that is washing away bridges of human connection. Dr. Tim Hogan will lay out effective strategies to reinvigorate parish life by creating new connections between parents, children and their parish.

**Tim Hogan, PsyD, CIRT, LP**

Dr. Tim Hogan is a Catholic clinical psychologist who formerly served as a pediatric psychologist at the Children's Hospital of Michigan and as a high school teacher and campus minister. He presently is Director of the Grace Counseling Center in Detroit. Dr. Hogan serves as a consultant to the RCL Benziger Family Life Series. In addition to scholarly psychological publications, he has written in the area of spiritual direction, including "How to Find the Help You Need," a guide to psychotherapy and spiritual direction (co-authored with Dr. Archibald Hart).

6-11 THE MYSTERY OF FAITH: ITS BIBLICAL FOUNDATIONS 🗨️

What is "faith"? It is both a gift from God and our free human response. It is both what we believe (doctrines) and our union with the God in whom we trust (relationship). It is not only professed in creeds, but also celebrated in sacraments, expressed in prayer, and applied in life. Ultimately, faith is a mystery. This workshop will explore some of the biblical foundations for these various aspects of Catholic-Christian faith, to help us deepen our own faith-life and bring other people closer to God during this Year of Faith.

**Fr. Felix Just, SJ, PhD**

Jesuit priest Fr. Felix Just is Director of Biblical Education at the Loyola Institute for Spirituality in Orange, Calif. He has taught theology at all three Jesuit schools in California – Loyola Marymount University, the University of San Francisco, and Santa Clara University. Fr. Just travels across the country conducting adult faith formation programs for parishes and dioceses, and leads biblically based days of prayer, parish missions and spiritual retreats. He has created seven audio-lecture programs and maintains a website of Catholic resources.

CONGRESS FACT:

One of the most popular events of Congress is the Exhibit Hall A. Congress 2013 will showcase 489 booths housing over 200 companies as exhibitors – ranging from religious art to music, and from publishing houses to educational institutions, in addition to our own represented Archdiocesan ministries. The Exhibit Hall hours at Congress are on Friday and Saturday from 8 am to 5 pm and on Sunday from 8 am until 3 pm.



6-12 LIKE A RIVER: LITURGY AND CATECHESIS AS A SEAMLESS, FLOWING GARMENT 🗨️

Ritual flows like a river, and we are asked to jump in and be swept away in the experience. Come and explore the ingredients needed to create rituals that draw us in and send us out nourished to be a living witness of the living Christ. Many styles of music will be presented!



Tom Kendzia

A professional liturgical musician for more than 30 years, Tom Kendzia is a well-known composer, arranger, producer, teacher, clinician, author and performer. He has appeared throughout the United States, Canada and Europe at national and diocesan gatherings. Kendzia has 15 collections of liturgical and instrumental music. Currently, he is a Music and Liturgy Consultant for Harcourt Religion Publishers and Music Director at Christ the King Church in Kingston, R.I., where he lives.

6-13 YOUR WORDS, O GOD: SINGING THE SCRIPTURES IN PARISHES AND SCHOOLS 🗨️

Michael Mangan

Combining words with music brings an added dimension to understanding and internalizing the key messages. Singing the words of Scripture is a powerful way for our parish and school communities to come to know and love key passages. Come along ready to sing and explore the psalms and the words and teachings of Jesus through a range of Michael Mangan's vibrant, contemporary music.

6-14 YOUTH IN CRISIS: A PASTORAL RESPONSE 🗨️

It's easy to feel overwhelmed and powerless when our young people are hurting and in crisis. During this session we will describe crisis signs and causes among young people, identify distress signals, and consider possible responses to youth in crisis. We will also look at the three "R's": recognition, response, and referral skills.



Robert J. McCarty, DMin

Bob McCarty is Executive Director of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, which provides resources, training, conferences and leadership for youth ministry internationally. He has been in youth ministry since 1973, serving in parish, school, community and diocesan settings, and still serves as a volunteer in his parish youth ministry and catechetical programs at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Fulton, Md. McCarty is on the adjunct faculty at a few schools, and his publications include "Thriving in Youth Ministry."

6-15 CATHOLIC PARENTS – KEEPERS OF THE PROMISE 🗨️

Dr. Patricia H. McCormack, IHM

If moms or dads were on trial for being "Catholic parents," would there be sufficient evidence for a jury to pronounce a verdict of guilty? At their own baptism, parents accepted the call to imitate Christ – the priest, prophet and servant-king. At the baptism of their child, parents promised to be that example within their family. Suppose the prosecutor examined children on how well their parents are fulfilling the vocation of the "first teacher; primary educator" leading children to grow in knowledge, love and service of God? Would there be sufficient evidence to be found guilty as charged? This session will provide positive, proactive support for parents and catechists.

6-16 ENTER THE MYSTERY – IS THE MYSTERY SOMEONE? 🗨️

Megan McKenna

We are baptized into the mystery of Christ and we live no longer for ourselves alone, but live hidden with Christ in God! This mystery is ever-expanding and deepening – demanding and inviting us to a life of grace, of freedom and communion with all. Our hearts speak this mystery and our glance seeks it always. The Mystery is our meaning and hope. Come, listen, respond and become what we have been created to be. Embrace the mystery with courage.

6-17 THEMES IN ECUMENISM AND INTERFAITH DIALOGUE 🗨️

In the context of the Year of Faith, this session will look at ecumenical dialogue and interfaith relationships from a British Catholic perspective, and will examine key deployments and challenges for the future of dialogue in an increasingly multicultural and secular society.



Bishop Malcolm McMahon, OP

Rt. Rev. Malcolm McMahon has served as Bishop for the Diocese of Nottingham, England, since 2000. The London-born former provincial for the English Dominican Province has served in a variety of pastoral and academic posts. Bishop McMahon is Chair of the Department for Catholic Education and Formation of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. He is also a member of Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission and contributed to its recent Agreed Statement.

6-18 HOW TO REACH YOUNG ADULTS: RECLAIMING THE “LOST” GENERATION 🗣️

Catholic communities often lament the graying population. But when it comes to effectively reaching young adults (18-35 years), we sometimes are at a loss. Come benefit from David O’Brien’s extensive experience working successfully in young adult ministries including catechesis, evangelization, social justice and intentional young adult living communities. Perfect for young adults and those with a heart for young adults.



David M. O'Brien

David O'Brien served as Director of Adult Faith Formation and Lay Ministry for the Archdiocese of Mobile, Ala. He also taught as an adjunct faculty member at nearby Spring Hill College. Currently, O'Brien is a graduate fellow at the Kroc Institute for Peace Studies at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana. Along with being a popular Lenten Mission presenter, O'Brien speaks nationally at conferences and parishes and is a member of the Loyola Press "New Generation of Catechetical Leaders" speaker cohort.

6-19 MY PARISH IS BECOMING HISPANIC: SUGGESTIONS TO ORGANIZE EFFECTIVE HISPANIC MINISTRY IN YOUR COMMUNITY 🗣️

Dr. Hosffman Ospino

Nearly 30 percent of all parishes in the United States offer services in Spanish, and the number will likely grow during the next few years. Ministers in parishes are increasingly asked to serve Hispanic Catholics both in English and Spanish. Many don't know where to begin; others already began and would like to improve. This workshop does not offer magic formulas (there are none!), yet it offers some good insights learned from conversations in various parts of the country. Together, we will explore some basic ideas that can make Hispanic ministry a life-giving experience.



Hosffman Ospino, PhD

Dr. Hosffman Ospino is Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology and Religious Education at Boston College's School of Theology and Ministry, where he is also Director of Graduate Programs in Hispanic Ministry. Dr. Ospino has lectured and presented to academic, pastoral and catechetical audiences in the United States, Europe and Latin America. His most recent book is entitled, "Peter's Catechism: Who Do You Say That I Am? Why Did You Doubt? Do You Love Me?"

6-20 INTRODUCTION TO THE SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL 🗣️

This session will look at the historical context of the Second Vatican Council, the previous councils that provided the background for it, the main themes of the Council, and some ways in which it can be interpreted.



Fr. Michael B. Raschko

A priest of the Seattle Archdiocese, Fr. Michael Raschko is the Bertch Professor of Catholic Systematic Theology at Seattle University, where he has taught for 27 years. He also serves as a weekend assistant at Holy Rosary Parish in Seattle, and has presented to adult education classes in various parishes various groups throughout the Seattle Archdiocese and region. Fr. Raschko is a published author; his most recent book is entitled, "To Hunger for God: A Christian Understanding of Human Nature."

6-21 THE THREE PILLARS OF CATHOLICISM

Thomas J. Reese, SJ

This session will argue that the three pillars of Catholicism are Scripture, the Sacraments, and Charity. Personal and group reflection and prayer with the Scriptures is essential for an adult Catholic. This is where we learn about God and his plan for us. We meet and fall in love with Jesus. The sacraments, especially the Eucharist, are our response to the Scriptures. In the Eucharist, we give praise and thanks to God and become transformed into Christ's body active in the world today. From the Eucharist, we go forth to build the Kingdom of God, a kingdom of justice and love.

6-22 SPIRITUALITY AND THE DIFFERENT STAGES OF OUR LIVES: ONE SIZE DOESN'T FIT ALL 🗣️

Ronald Rolheiser, OMI

There are deeper levels of maturity, deeper levels of discipleship, and ever-deeper things to which we are called to by Jesus. The challenges Jesus lays out in Scripture speak to us in different ways at different times in our lives. The classical mystics distinguished three separate phases to Christian discipleship: 1) the struggle to get our lives together; 2) the struggle to give our lives away; and 3) the struggle to give our deaths away. This session will attempt to layout an overview of spirituality as it is seen in the classical Christian mystics.

6-23 THE INNOVATIVE RELIGION TEACHER: CONTEMPORARY METHODOLOGIES FOR THE 21ST-CENTURY CLASSROOM 🗣️

Ailís Travers and Elaine Mahon

We will explore a variety of methodologies that can help bring life to faith and faith to life for students. Included will be practical ideas to make greater use of digital technologies to enhance student learning and engagement.

CONGRESS FACT:
The Congress 2012 theme song, "Voice Infusing Life," was written by Santiago Fernandez.

6-24 JOYFUL, HOLY ENCOUNTERS ☪

Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God. Each time we interact with another, we encounter mystery – it’s like touching the robe of God. As we companion with one another, we open each other to experience our God. What a joyful journey! It’s not enough for us to just sit around and wait; the only thing that will happen is we will get older. So we’ll explore the mystery in our connections with one another and find the joy, laughter and smiles that make each moment count.



Anne Bryan Smollin, CSJ, PhD

Dr. Anne Smollin, a Sister of St. Joseph, is a therapist, group facilitator, lecturer and consultant, and currently, Executive Director of Counseling for Laity based in Albany, N.Y. The former elementary schoolteacher and guidance counselor was on the adjunct faculty at several colleges. She lectures internationally and nationally on humor, joy, laughter, stress, communication and relationships, speaking to religious communities, conventions and businesses. Sr. Smollin has authored five books, including her most recent, “Making Each Moment Count.”

6-25 IMPROVING OUR SKILLS FOR CHOIRS AND CANTORS ☪

Christopher Walker

How we sing in church is more important than what we sing! The music skills and spiritual focus of a cantor or choir member can encourage people in their spiritual experience of the Mass. Come and explore the ways this can happen.

6-26 WHERE THERE IS RUIN, THERE MAY BE TREASURE: RECOVERY FROM ALCOHOLISM 101 ☪

The deadly results of alcoholism and addiction spill over from individuals into families and our greater society. Recovery takes willingness, grace, hope and a lot of footwork. In this session, Fr. Thomas Weston will present some of the problems of the disease, and then share experiences, strength and hope to help people get out of the misery. He will focus on the 12 Steps of Recovery, and the power and joy of the recovering community.



Fr. Thomas Weston, SJ

Fr. Tom Weston is a Jesuit priest and Superior of the Jesuit Community of Oakland, Calif. He has taught history and theology at Loyola High School in Los Angeles and English to young adults and teachers in China, Thailand and Vietnam. Fr. Weston is a lifelong enthusiast of reading, an amateur historian and a lover of adult education. He has been a conference and education speaker for over 30 years – and working with alcoholics and addicts since 1976 – he is a leader of retreats for people in recovery from addiction.

6-27 POPE BENEDICT’S NEW EVANGELIZATION: PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS FOR THE CATECHIST AND CATECHETICAL LEADER ☪

Dr. Joseph D. White

What is the New Evangelization, and why is it necessary? How can the New Evangelization energize and animate catechetical ministry? How do we involve children and youth in evangelization? This workshop will discuss the primary themes and characteristics of the New Evangelization and how catechists can share it with their learners.

6-70 CỤM ƯỚC, CHÌA KHÓA ĐỂ VÀO TRONG MÀU NHIỆM ĐỨC GIÊSU KITÔ ☪

Joseph Nguyễn Công Đoàn, SJ

Bốn sách Tin Mừng và các văn bản khác của Tân Ước nói với chúng ta về Chúa Giêsu Kitô như là màu nhiệm Tình Yêu của Thiên Chúa đối với chúng ta. Các tác giả Sách Tân Ước đều sử dụng rộng rãi và sâu sắc cả ba phần của Cựu Ước: “Sách Luật Môsê, các ngôn sứ và các thánh vịnh” (Lc 24,44). Chính Chúa Giêsu đã trao chìa khóa đó cho các môn đệ. Chúa cũng đề nghị các đối thủ của Ngài dùng chìa khóa này để hiểu Ngài, nhưng họ không chịu (x. Lc 6,2). Còn chúng ta?

OLD TESTAMENT: THE KEY TO ENTER THE MYSTERY OF JESUS CHRIST ☪

Joseph Doan Công Nguyen, SJ

The Gospel and other writings of the New Testament tell us about Jesus Christ as the mystery of God’s love for us. All the writers made an extensive and intensive use of the key Jesus himself handed over to them: “The Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms” (Lk 24:44). Jesus offered this key to his foes too (Lk 6:2), but they did not want to make use of it. How about us?



7-01 BALLET 101: FOR MINISTERS OF LITURGICAL MOVEMENT 🗣️

Donna Anderle

Here is an opportunity to “take a class” and be introduced to ballet technique, which forms the basis of movement when interpreting the Word. Experience how the elements of dance combine with a spiritual connection to make this beautiful art form both elegant and meaningful. Learn dances that will demonstrate how to successfully translate your training into a liturgical setting. (Anderle is on the teaching faculty of the Cincinnati Ballet.)

7-02 YOUTH, FAMILIES AND SERVICE: IT’S ABOUT GRATITUDE AND GIVING 🗣️

Jane Angha

It just takes a moment to stop and think about gifts God has given us. In today’s fast-paced world, we don’t do that nearly enough. What if we could help our children, teens and families make the most out of the little bits of time they have to turn toward others and serve without reservation? When we learn to be grateful (it’s easy!) and are ready to share what we have with others willingly, great things happen! People find purpose and meaning, needs are met, friendships are made and the world becomes a nicer place. This workshop will give you tools to help make gratitude and service the foundation of your ministry and life.

7-03 KEEPING THE FAITH WHILE TEACHING THE FAITH 🗣️

As catechists and youth ministers, we find ourselves in the trenches, working hard to bring experiences of God’s love to our young people. The thing is ... we sometimes forget to bring ourselves along for the ride! Being “around” faith is not the same thing as *having* faith! With great spiritual and practical suggestions on keeping our own faith strong, this workshop is designed to keep us from mistaking our own spiritual journey with our frequent professional “near-faith” experiences!

**Steve Angrisano**

Steve Angrisano has been a musician, music director and youth minister for over a dozen years. The Dallas-based veteran composer/storyteller has been featured at major conferences and events around the world – including many appearances at World Youth Days, the National Catholic Youth Conference, and the L.A. RECongress and Youth Day – and has also presented at countless diocesan events in more than 200 dioceses. His latest recordings are “Inescapable Love” and “Live: Songs from the Road” and the book “Essential Songs for Youth Ministry.”

7-04 DON’T QUIT YET – FOUR SECRETS OF THE SPIRITUALITY OF SELF-CARE FOR CATECHISTS AND CHURCH MINISTERS 🗣️

Nancy Bird

Take some time today to relax, renew and rejuvenate. Even on an airplane, the flight attendant instructs, “In the unlikely event of a loss in cabin pressure, put your oxygen mask on first, and then assist others.” So why do we, as ministers in the church, continually nurture others before taking care of ourselves? Join us as we explore wellness as a way of life for catechists and church ministers and look at the spirituality of self-care as a call to the integration of body, mind, spirit and emotions as a reminder not to quit just yet!

7-05 BODY-PRAYING THE GOSPEL STORY 🗣️

Roy DeLeon, ObISB

The story of Jesus Christ – God Incarnate – is mystery reaching out to us. It is the story that is meant to inspire us and teach us how to be Christ in the world. With gentle movements adaptable to all physical conditions, we will go through the major Gospel events. We will feel and experience the Gospel in our body, heart and soul in fresh and nourishing ways. And perhaps we will be inspired to be Christ’s feet, hands, eyes, ears and heart for those who are sick and dying, homeless and hungry, poor and lost in this world. We will definitely feel the Christ in us and begin to see the Christ in everyone.

7-06 WHAT’S SO GREAT ABOUT THEOLOGY-ON-TAP? 🗣️

Dr. Katherine F. DeVries

Theology-on-Tap, the speaker and discussion series for young adults, has become one of the premiere programs for young adults in the country. This workshop will focus on the components that have made the program so successful over the past 31 years and will offer insights and strategies for shaping future happenings for young adults.

7-07 BULLYING: HELP FOR PARENTS 🗣️

Frank A. DiLallo

Have you ever faced a parent who emotionally reacts to your efforts to respond to bullying behaviors involving their child? This workshop will explore 10 ways contentious parents inadvertently exacerbate the bullying problem by undermining the effective counter strategies we can employ. Come increase your toolbox options by learning how to build rapport with difficult parents, help parents understand what bullying is and is not, learn five ways to build parent trust surrounding your responses to bullying behaviors, learn 10 practical tips to share with families on how to bully-proof their child(ren), and find meaningful ways to connect the sacraments and Gospel values to your bullying prevention efforts.

CONGRESS FACT:

The Convention Center Arena is one of the main location of Congress events – including the Opening Event, eight workshops, six Eucharistic liturgies, the keynote – this year by Mark Shriver – and home to Congress Headquarters (in AR-1), location of the main sacristy for the event, and “command central” for the RECongress.org/LIVE broadcast throughout the weekend.



7-08 ADULT FAITH FORMATION FOR THE 21ST CENTURY: FROM BEST TO NEXT PRACTICES



Julianne Donlon-Stanz

A vibrant, future-focused ministry often involves moving from using “best practices” to “next practices.” Best practices are a snapshot of what we know has worked well in the past, while next practices are an attempt to take that prior experience and transform it rather than to merely replicate it. Best practices allow your ministry to focus on what you are currently doing a little better, while next practices increase your ministry’s capability to do things that it could never have done before. Practical strategies including strategic planning, utilizing classic and contemporary marketing strategies and social networking will all be discussed in this Year of Faith.

7-09 ENGAGING ADOLESCENTS THROUGH PRAYER



Steven Ellair

In this engaging and experiential workshop, we will explore how essential prayer is for the adolescent and learn easy techniques and styles of prayer that help create powerful experiences with youth. We will also identify the keys necessary for nurturing an adolescent’s relationship to God. Don’t miss this one!

7-10 FORGIVENESS, RECONCILIATION AND CHRIST



Dr. Greer G. Gordon

The modern day decline in civil discourse, mixed with a proliferation of firearms, religious intolerance, and retaliatory behaviors make individual and collective efforts for reconciliation and peaceful coalesce an impossible dream. Yet, as followers of Christ, we claim to have a knowledge and understanding of a way of life that stands in diametric opposition to this complex global reality. We claim that in and through Christ, the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. However, essential to this is the individual believer’s deeper understanding of, and renewed commitment to, the process of forgiveness. This session will offer a theological investigation of the sacrament of reconciliation.

7-11 SING AS CHRIST INSPIRES YOUR SONG, LIVE THE PROMISE YOU BELIEVE

David Haas

The ministry of liturgical music is not about the music, not about the singer or instrumentalist, and ultimately, not about the gathered assembly. The ministry of liturgical music, through the call of Vatican II of “full, conscious, and active participation,” is about Christ – making Christ known, celebrating and nurturing this presence in our lives in order to more fully and authentically become the Body of Christ to the world. Come and do more than just sing the “song-prayers” of our faith, but discover the need to transform ourselves and our communities to become and live the promise.

7-12 SOLVING THE SOCIAL MEDIA MYSTERY: TIPS, TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES FOR THE NEW EVANGELIZATION



Lisa Hende

With new social media solutions being launched at such a frenetic pace, here’s a look at the most effective strategies for incorporating technology into your catechetical, ministerial, administrative and communications efforts. This session will explore the latest solutions and trends and offer concrete examples of how dioceses, parishes and apostolates around the country have successfully harnessed the power of these ever-evolving tools.

7-13 OUT TO THE HIGHWAYS AND HEDGEROWS



Bill Huebsch

A lot of people these days are talking about God. Shouldn’t we Catholics be part of that? How can we help folks who are not active now truly Enter the Mystery of life in the Church? This is the “New Evangelization” about which we hear so much today. But we Catholics sometimes struggle to speak about our faith. Being too vocal about what we believe makes us a bit nervous. And yet ... there are certain moments in life when speaking of faith is important. In this workshop, Bill Huebsch will explore ways that pastoral leaders can teach average Catholics to speak about their faith without annoying others. It will include live demos, practical methods and helpful resources.

7-14 HEALING LIFE'S HURTS ☪

Using the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, Fr. Michael Kennedy and Javier Stauring will lead attendees in experiencing the power of Gospel imagination connecting our life's hurts to the healing medicine found in Jesus. This method of Ignatian Gospel prayer can be brought back into our own ministries.



Rev. Michael Kennedy, SJ

Fr. Michael Kennedy, a Jesuit priest for over 35 years, works with the poor in California, Mexico, Central America and South America. He is author of five books that present a prayer method for homes and detention facilities. As Director of the Jesuit Restorative Justice Initiative and as co-chaplain at Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall in Sylmar, Calif., Fr. Kennedy works with incarcerated youth and gives retreats in state prisons.



Javier Stauring

Javier Stauring is Co-Director of the Office of Restorative Justice for the Los Angeles Archdiocese. Since 1996, he has overseen the programs at all juvenile halls and probation camps in Los Angeles, Ventura and Santa Barbara counties. In addition, Stauring is responsible for three other restorative justice programs: Ministry to Victims of Crime, Ministry to Families of the Incarcerated, and Ministry to Formerly Incarcerated.

7-15 WELCOMING AND VALUING PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS ☪

Mental illnesses – including depression, schizophrenia, bipolar illness, obsessive compulsive disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder – touch one in four families. Stigma keeps many who have these illnesses, and their families, from getting help. How can we as Church reach out and let them know they are not alone? Deacon Tom Lambert and Connie Rakitan will share their experiences of over 25 years providing support and educating parishes and dioceses about ministry to people with mental illness. They will present practical resources parishes can use to support individuals and families, including models for inclusion, retreats and spiritual companionship.



Deacon Tom Lambert

Tom Lambert, ordained a deacon for the Chicago Archdiocese, currently serves at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Chicago. He co-chairs the National Catholic Partnership on Disability's Council on Mental Illness, and is co-chair of the Chicago Archdiocese's Commission on Mental Illness, which he founded in 1990. Deacon Lambert is also President of Faith and Fellowship in Oak Park, Ill., and has led retreats for people with mental illness and their families. (His oldest daughter has a mental illness.)



Connie Rakitan

In 1979, Connie Rakitan founded the Illinois-based Faith and Fellowship, and now serves as Program Director. She is author of the resources that form the content of the sessions used across the county. Rakitan has spoken nationally on social outreach with and for adults with mental illness. She serves as Chair of the Chicago Archdiocesan Commission on Mental Illness and is a founding member and Co-Chair of the National Catholic Partnership on Disability's Council on Mental Illness.

7-16 SAVED: AN OVERVIEW OF THE DOCTRINE OF SALVATION ☪

Josephine Lombardi, PhD

Dr. Josephine Lombardi will explore the deeper meaning of salvation as it is found in Scripture and tradition. God desires the salvation of all people, but do we know what this means? Does the process begin here and now? Does it involve the body and the soul? Does it involve transformation or restoration? We will look at what it means to be saved in the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures, in the thought of early Christian writers, and in official Church teaching. This is an ideal workshop for the Year of Faith, as the New Evangelization is all about re-proposing the faith and teachings of our faith in a fresh way with renewed vigor and dynamism.

7-17 LAUGH – FOR GOD'S SAKE! ☪

James Martin, SJ

Most people know that the saints, and even Jesus, used humor in their lives and ministries. But how do we incorporate joy, humor and laughter in our own personal spiritual lives? This session will provide helpful ways to find and experience joy, humor and laughter in your daily life, in your family life and in your ministry. All that and some great jokes!

7-18 GO TO JOSEPH ☪

In this unique art and music celebration of St. Joseph – one of the most beloved saints in the church – Bro. Mickey McGrath will share his paintings and stories, assisted by the beautiful musical accompaniment of pianist Cliff Petty. In addition to his roles as father and husband, we will look at Joseph as a patron saint of social justice, immigration reform, the universal church – and even cooks! Give your head a break and treat your heart to a dose of spiritual beauty.



Bro. Michael O'Neill McGrath

Bro. Mickey McGrath is an artist and author currently living in Camden, N.J. A popular speaker at retreats and religious education conferences around the country, he has written various articles in Commonweal Magazine and illustrated posters for U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. The main theme of all Bro. McGrath's work centers on the healing power and prayerful nature of art and beauty. He is a former Associate Professor of Art at De Sales University in Pennsylvania. His recent book titles include "Go To Joseph" and "Saved By Beauty."



W. Clifford Petty

A native of Eufaula, Ala., Cliff Petty is a singer, musician, producer and arranger with several works to his credit. He has served as music clinician, workshop presenter and performer at numerous conferences, conventions, and Catholic and Protestant churches throughout this country and abroad. Presently, Petty is the Pastoral Musician and Artist in Residence at Resurrection Catholic Church in Montgomery, Ala., as well as a music teacher at the parish school. He is a composer and recording artist for World Library Publications.



CONGRESS TRIVIA:

RECongress annually features an Art Exhibit, and for a number of years the RECongress highlighted *The Saint John's Bible* – the first handwritten and illuminated Bible commissioned in 500 years. Last year, the project reached its completion after 12 years. A team of 14 calligraphers and artists completed the seven-volume work; the last volume, “Letters and Revelation,” was displayed at Congress 2012. *The Saint John's Bible* was written and drawn entirely by hand using quills and paints hand-ground from precious minerals and stones – including lapis lazuli, malachite, silver and 24-karat gold.

7-19 “GOD BLAH, BLAH, BLAH. CHURCH BLAH, BLAH, BLAH”: WHY YOUNGER GENERATIONS TUNE YOU OUT AND WHAT YOU MUST DO TO EFFECTIVELY REACH THEM 🎧

Roy Petitfils

What if you could reach more young people by understanding why they resist your efforts to reach them, teach them, and help them? In this dynamic, humorous session, you’ll learn the four types of human resistance and why most of our evangelization and catechesis is focused on the wrong one. You’ll learn which type of resistance is most prevalent in youth and young adults and the language, skills and questions that will get you through the door to their minds, hearts and souls.

7-20 SPIRITUALITY AND THE UNIVERSAL CALL TO HOLINESS 🎧

Fr. Timothy Radcliffe, OP

Drawing upon our rich, spiritual tradition of prayer, worship and contemplation, this workshop will inspire participants and enable them to deepen their relationship with God, while nourishing their life of discipleship which flows from their baptismal commitment. (This workshop is a repeat of Session 1-21.)

7-21 VATICAN II: GAUDIUM ET SPES – ENGAGING THE WORLD 🎧

Fr. Michael B. Raschko

This session will center on *Gaudium et Spes*, the Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World – the surprise document that emerged from the Second Vatican Council. We will look at the theological issues that surround the document, its main themes, and the challenges it still holds for Catholic Christians.

7-22 BREATHING UNDER WATER: THE GOSPEL AND RECOVERY 🎧

Fr. Richard Rohr

Fr. Richard Rohr teaches that the 12 Step program of Alcohol Anonymous (AA) mirrors and makes very practical the message of Jesus and helps us recognize we are all addicts in some way – surely to our way of thinking – and need a way out and through. He considers the program and the specific American contribution to the history of spirituality.

7-23 A RABBI AND A PRIEST EXPLORE A SPIRITUAL CONNECTION THROUGH FILM 🗣️

Using the award-winning documentary, “The Labyrinth,” this session explores ways to enter into substantive Jewish/Catholic dialogue. The film is the testimony of a Polish-Catholic Auschwitz survivor’s devastating experiences in a concentration/death camp where Jews, Poles and others were victimized. Using Scripture sources, we focus on shared core beliefs and sacred texts. With the Second Vatican Council called by Pope John XXIII, and the resulting *Nostra Aetate* (In Our Time) proclaimed by Pope Paul VI, Catholic teaching and liturgy officially changed toward the Jewish people. The efforts and actions of Pope John Paul II will also be highlighted.

**Fr. Ron Schmidt, SJ**

Fr. Ron Schmidt is a Jesuit priest and international documentary filmmaker whose award-winning films include “On the Line” and “In Spite of Darkness: A Spiritual Encounter with Auschwitz.” He has presented film retreats, Ignatian retreats and seminars on the documentary “The Labyrinth.” Fr. Schmidt presented the acclaimed documentary, “Into Great Silence,” at the L.A. Congress and co-founded the annual Film Showcase. He is presently Associate Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Tujunga, Calif.

**Rabbi Michael Berenbaum**

Rabbi Michael Berenbaum is Director of the Sigi Ziering Institute and Professor of Jewish Studies at the American Jewish University in Los Angeles. He is author or editor of 21 books. His work in film has earned him an Emmy Award and he has been co-producer and/or senior historian on two Academy Award-winning films. Rabbi Berenbaum was the Project Director for the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., and first director of its Research Institute. The rabbi also served as President and CEO of the Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation.

7-24 TEN GREAT FOUNDATIONS OF THE PRO-LIFE POSITION FROM LOGIC, ETHICS AND JUSTICE THEORY – RECAPTURING THE MINDS AND HEARTS OF OUR NATION 🗣️**Fr. Robert J. Spitzer, SJ, PhD**

Many of our young people believe that the pro-life position is “out of touch” or “naïve and stupid.” Fr. Robert Spitzer will show that nothing could be farther from the truth. He will speak briefly about the 10 greatest principles of ethics, logic and justice theory, and show how violations of these principles led equally to the genocide of Indians in the New World, to the Dred Scott decision (permitting “slavery by the superior race”), and to the *Roe v. Wade* decision permitting abortion of all preborn children. He will then speak about a strategy to restore these principles in our culture and will describe resources that can be used for high school and college students.

7-25 “WE ARE NOT PEDDLERS OF GOD’S WORD”: LEARNING FROM ST. PAUL’S USE OF SCRIPTURE 🗣️**Ronald D. Witherup, SS**

Dei Verbum, the Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation promulgated by Pope Paul VI, called for Catholics to rediscover the importance of Sacred Scripture for the life of the Church. This workshop examines St. Paul’s use in his letters of Scripture as a “living word,” different from those who “peddle” the Word of God for their own benefit. We have much to learn from Paul the Apostle!

7-70 Tôi Tin Sự Sống Lại và Sự Sống Đời Sau: Sự Chết-Phán Xét- Thiên Đàng và Hỏa Ngục 🗣️**Cha Hy K. Nguyễn**

Là người Công giáo, chúng ta tin “xác loài người ngày sau sống lại”, và “sự sống đời sau.” Câu hỏi: “chết rồi đi đâu? hỏa ngục có thật không? Chúa phán xét con người thế nào? v.v...” luôn là đề tài khiến nhiều người tìm cách trả lời qua những cảm nghiệm và suy luận của chính mình. Trong năm Đức Tin, chúng ta cần hiểu đúng đắn những tín lý ta tuyên xưng dựa trên kinh thánh và giáo huấn của giáo hội để tránh hoang mang dẫn đến mê tín hay dị đoan.

DEATH AND ETERNAL LIFE: CATHOLIC TEACHINGS ON ESCHATOLOGICAL ISSUES 🗣️**Rev. Hy K. Nguyen, SS**

We believe in the resurrection and the afterlife. What are the Catholic doctrines of the last things – death, judgment, heaven, hell? Let us revisit our catechism regarding the Church’s teachings on eschatological issues, which if not understood correctly, can lead to doubts and superstitions.



8-01 WEAVING THE TAPESTRY OF LIFE AND LITURGY AND LITURGY AND LIFE

Dr. Mary Amore

In what ways can the celebration of the sacraments deepen the faith experience of the gathered community? This presentation will offer catechetical leaders practical ways of weaving the sacramental life of the church into the very fabric of our daily lives.

8-02 FROM “THE” CHURCH TO “MY” CHURCH: GROWING IN DISCIPLESHIP

Rev. Lawrence Christian

The objective of Christian stewardship is to create deeper and more lasting discipleship. This presentation will look at growing the participation in parish life in a way that changes our way of viewing Church from “the” church to “my” church.

8-03 A NEW RELIGIOUS AGENDA: LESS TALK ABOUT CHURCH; MORE TALK ABOUT FAITH

Rev. John C. Cusick

An increasing number of younger people see little value in religion and church – “I am a spiritual person, but not religious.” Have you heard that? Many of them have more basic issues: searching for faith. This workshop will address their basic issues and answer some of their questions with the insights, values and practices found in our religious tradition.

8-04 NEW APPROACHES WITH THE NEW EVANGELIZATION: “WE’LL WORK WITH YOU” RATHER THAN “YOU CAN’T COME IN UNTIL YOU DO”

To minister to the mystery of evangelization, we must use the “taking people where they are” approach as the starting point rather than beginning with “where we think they should be.” Especially in this year of New Evangelization, we need to re-propose that “we’ll work with you” approach of Christ as pivotal in raising people’s capacity to experience God for themselves. We need to minister like Jesus, evangelizing to what is happening today and not yesterday. Fr. Ken Deasy will lead us in the way to initiate a re-thinking of the importance of Christ and how we, as the Church community, must be there for one another.



Fr. Ken Deasy

Fr. Ken Deasy is presently Consultant to the Los Angeles Archdiocese’s Mission Office and Coordinator for the Holy Childhood Association, part of the Vatican’s Office for the Propagation of the Faith. He previously served as Pastor of St. Agatha’s Parish in Los Angeles. Fr. Deasy was a script advisor for the movie “Bruce Almighty” and served as mentor/advisor for ABC’s “Nothing Sacred.” Recently, he was co-hosting with Rabbi Jerry Cutler a radio movie-review program, “Review from the Pew.”

8-05 EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS

Frank P. DeSiano, CSP

This presentation explores how ideas of evangelization can sharpen and clarify the purpose of catechesis, and how Catholics can understand themes of conversion. Developing both personal and cultural modes of conversion, this session will situate catechesis and family evangelization in the wider objectives of pastoral life today.

8-06 ENTER “THE MYSTERY OF FAITH” THAT WILL USHER IN THE REIGN OF GOD AND GET US ALL THE GLORY!

Rev. Msgr. Raymond G. East & Sr./Dr. Oralisa Martin

Using the “Indicators of Vitality” introduced by Cardinal Donald Wuerl of Washington, D.C., this workshop provides concrete ways to develop a dynamic evangelization that catechizes and a catechesis that evangelizes. The indicators of vitality are: worship, formation (catechesis/faith formation), community, service, and administration (accountability).

8-07 PREPARING YOUTH FOR CONFIRMATION: SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED AS YOUNG DISCIPLES

Tom East

How can our preparation for confirmation make this the beginning of renewed discipleship? This workshop will explore a vision for confirmation that is rooted in the best practices of comprehensive youth ministry and dynamic adolescent catechesis. This will include exploring methods for connecting with families, involving the parish community, selecting resources, and providing follow-through for confirmed youth.

8-08 UNDERSTANDING SALVATION IN CONTEMPORARY TIMES

Barbara Fiand, SND de N

The Good News of our Gospels centers on an invitation and encounter – a “come and see.” There seems to have been little need for screening, no security checks, no systemic outsiders. The emphasis was on a vision and an experience of inclusion, of sharing, of fellowship, of love. The multitudes were fed and simple faith and trust opened up to healing and forgiveness. “Today, you shall be with me in paradise”; “Father, forgive them, they know not what they do”; “Your faith has made you whole”: How can we understand this message today?

CONGRESS TRIVIA:

Youth Day’s attendance is limited to the seating capacity of the Convention Center Arena – just under 15,000 youth and their chaperones – and usually fills to capacity by the date of the fee increase.

8-09 DRAMA AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION: A DOORWAY TO THE MYSTERY 🗣️**Anne Frawley-Mangan**

Anne Frawley-Mangan invites you to join her in discovering ways of using drama to enhance religious education, with a particular focus on sacramental preparation. In this fun and interactive workshop, you will learn skills and techniques that will help you discover ways that drama enables children to gently enter into the mystery. Come prepared to move, play and enjoy!

8-10 RCIA: WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE EASTER VIGIL? 🗣️**Dr. Jerry Galipeau**

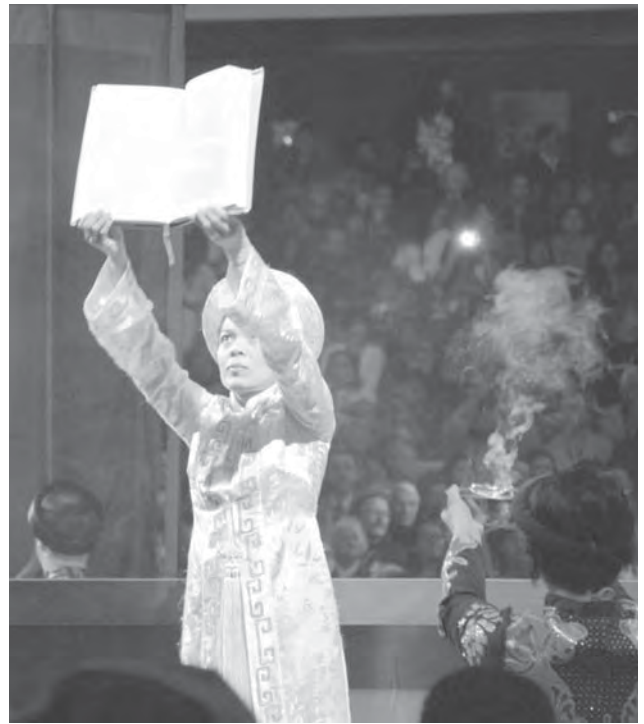
This workshop will explore ways to minimize the “drop-out” rate of the newly initiated. We will focus on practical ways to involve catechumens and candidates in parish life long before their initiation, as well as explore strategies for an effective Mystagogy.

8-11 JESUS THE MYSTIC: THE FUTURE OF MATURE CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY 🗣️**Richard F. Groves**

“The Christian of the future will be a mystic or will not be at all,” prophesies Karl Rahner. The great spiritual teachers across religious traditions agree that Jesus was the ultimate mystic who led people to trust their own experience of the divine. Today’s prophetic voices tell us that the credibility of institutional Christianity depends on how we translate these mystical lessons for our times. This workshop will explore both the inspirational and challenging essence of mature spirituality as lived by Meister Eckhart, Julian of Norwich, Teresa of Avila and John of the Cross. Come and experience why Jesus the Mystic is key for personal healing and enlightenment.

8-12 I AM CONVINCED: GOD, THE TRUTH AND YOU 🗣️**Darrell Hall**

Christianity has intellectually satisfying answers to the questions of meaning, morality and existence, but any apologetic that does not flow from Jesus’ life, death and resurrection is ultimately a bankrupt apologetic. This is why we have hope. But how do we present this hope to our youth? They need to know and understand *why* they believe in Jesus so they can share that hope with others. This presentation will cover: the historical and theological evidence for who Jesus is; why the Incarnation, the death and resurrection of Jesus defy human logic, but make perfect sense; the answer to the question of why there is suffering and evil; and the two religions in the world – Christianity and everything else.

**CONGRESS FACT:**

The Opening Rite of Congress incorporates different cultures as a welcome/blessing that signals the beginning of the main three days of Congress.

8-13 CULTIVATING HEALTHY SEXUALITY WITH CHILDREN 🗣️**Tim Hogan, PsyD, CIRT, LP**

Today’s lightning-fast social and cultural changes intensify the age-old challenge of cultivating healthy sexuality with children. This presentation will help us to skillfully identify and overcome the key barriers to teaching our children about sexuality in a way that is creative, passionate, informed and rooted in the insights of a thoroughly Christ-centered spirituality.

8-14 MYSTERY UNFOLDING ALONG THE WAY: ADULT FAITH FORMATION 🗣️

The mystery unfolds along the way – confusion, humility and hospitality are essential to adult faith growth, and they lead us to authentic living and real discipleship. This workshop offers leaders some ways to reflect on their own journey and provides helpful direction to encourage adults along the way.

**Dr. Michael P. Horan**

Dr. Michael Horan is Chair of the Department of Theological Studies at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, where he is Professor of Religious Education and Pastoral Theology. He has ministered to youth and young adults in high schools and college campuses in New York and Washington, D.C. Dr. Horan is author of many essays on religious education, including contributing to RCL’s religious education series “Blest Are We” and two works on the General Directory for Catechesis.

CONGRESS TRIVIA:

Each year Congress there is a theme and song. Congress 2012's theme song for was "Voice Infusing Life" by Santiago Fernandez. For the past 10 years, Youth Day has also had its own theme and song. Last year's song was "Called Out" by Jesse Manibusan and Cooper Ray.

8-15 **MOTIVATOR, MODEL, MINISTER: CATECHIST, WHO DO YOU SAY YOU ARE?** 🎧

Dr. Sandra Kennedy

As Jesus asked the Apostles, "Who do you say that I am?" he also asks the same of us. Who do we say that Jesus is? And, the question we must ask of ourselves: Who do we say that we are as his disciples? The way we answer that question helps define who we are as believers, as Christians, as evangelizers, as people of faith. It determines how we identify ourselves as teachers and as catechists. In this session, the role of catechist as motivator, role model and minister will be discussed in light of Jesus' call to catechetical ministry.

8-16 **A RABBI READS THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW** 🎧

The Gospel of Matthew is a scriptural text written by a Jewish writer largely for a Jewish audience. In this session, Rabbi Michael Mayersohn will teach highlights of the Gospel from a Jewish perspective, showing how both Matthew and Jesus rely on Jewish teachings and Scripture in their teaching. Rabbi Mayersohn believes it is time for Jews and Judaism to look at Jesus' teachings anew and see how rooted they are in Judaism. He will explore those Jewish roots in this workshop.



Rabbi Michael Mayersohn

Rabbi Michael Mayersohn is a Reform Rabbi devoted to teaching Christians the Jewish background and context of the life and ministry of Jesus. He has spoken and taught as a rabbi since 1979 and teaches the Bible, both Hebrew and New Testament, offering Jewish insights into Sacred Scriptures. Rabbi Mayersohn is committed to interfaith cooperation and learning. Since 2003, he has spoken at churches in Southern California and Arizona teaching Jewish roots of Christianity and Bible Studies. His recent publication is titled, "Are We Sinners?"

8-17 **PARISH YOUTH MINISTRY: A NEW MAP FOR A CHANGING TERRITORY!** 🎧

Robert J. McCarty

In these challenging times, parish youth ministry is moving beyond religious education and youth group models. "It takes a whole Church to raise a child" and requires a comprehensive and collaborative approach. This workshop will provide a renewed vision for youth ministry, components for a new ministry map, a viable leadership structure, and practical programmatic approaches.

8-18 **"NOW GET OUT OF HERE": LAY PEOPLE'S ROLE IN THE CHURCH** 🎧

David M. O'Brien

Tens of thousands of lay people serve the Catholic community as teachers, catechists, youth ministers, musicians and lay ministers. Still, we struggle to find our place in an institution that is structured around the ordained and those in recognized religious communities. Is there a place for us? What is it? Come be renewed and inspired to embrace your calling as a lay person in ministry, as well as a missionary in your everyday life. Come remember why this is the best thing you could be doing with your life.

8-19 **MINISTRY TO THE MINISTERS**

We who spend our time and energy ministering to people are often not very good about attending to our own spiritual needs. In the midst of these busy Congress days, come spend some time feeding your soul with music and prayerful reflection. Let God embrace you with grace and consolation so that we can continue our ministry grounded in our own life of the spirit.



Dan Schutte

A founding member of the St. Louis Jesuits, Dan Schutte has continued to compose music for personal prayer and communal worship for over 40 years. With more than 10 solo recordings to his credit, he travels extensively offering concerts and workshops on prayer and liturgy to parish communities. He is currently Composer-In-Residence at the University of San Francisco. His latest offerings include a book, "Walking the Sacred Path," and a two-CD set to accompany the book of prayer.

8-20 **THE TRAUMATIZED WORD: WERE SOME OF THE WRITERS OF SCRIPTURE TRAUMATIZED?** 🎧

Dr. Daniel L. Smith-Christopher

Much of the Bible was written and edited under the conditions of violent conquest of Israelite peoples. Siege warfare, destruction of villages, death and flight are spoken of with painful frequency. Are there significant signs that the biblical writers themselves were traumatized by these events? Given what we now know about trauma and the impact on the human spirit (both mental and physical), what are the implications of recent work being done by scholars on "trauma" in ancient Scriptures?

8-21 **LITTLE THINGS MEAN A LOT** 🎧

Anne Bryan Smollin, CSJ, PhD

"Big doesn't necessarily mean better. Sunflowers aren't better than violets," noted American novelist Edna Ferber. It's in those few precious moments when we relax with another and give the gift of our presence that God gifts us with something yet undiscovered. Bringing the gift of joy to our encounters benefits both us and the other. A simple simile, a hardy laugh – such blessings can open us to our God of abundance.

8-22 MAKE SURE YOUR STUDENTS NEVER HAVE TO SAY “NOBODY TOLD ME” 📣

Today’s teens have not been told the whole truth about the consequences of their choices when it comes to sex! The culture hands them a daily dose of sex through music, television, movies, the Internet, social sites and texts, while never showing the devastation that sex outside of marriage leaves behind. Students love Pam Stenzel because she tells it like it is, no holding back, yet speaks the truth in *love* and in a language they can easily understand. Learn how to effectively communicate the message of chastity with your teens.

**Pam Stenzel**

Pam Stenzel has traveled worldwide, speaking about the issues of sexuality, the importance of abstinence, and the physical and emotional consequences of sex outside of marriage. She is Director of Enlightenment Communications and previously was on the “front lines” as Director of Alpha Women’s Center, a counseling center for women undergoing crisis pregnancies. Stenzel has appeared on numerous national TV and radio programs, and her books include “Who’s in Your Social Network” and “Nobody Told Me.”

8-23 ENTER THE MYSTERY – HOW TO TURN OUR LIFE INTO AN ADVENTURE THE CATHOLIC WAY 📣**David Wells**

In his recent letter *Porta Fidei*, the Pope calls us to enter through the “door of faith” (Acts 14:27). That door is our life. In this session, we will consider the role that entering plays in a life of faith, and ask ourselves whether we too can stand in the exciting place between leaving and arriving, between baptism and death that we call the threshold. What can we learn from Jesus when he describes himself as “The Gate” (Jn 10:9) and how can our lives, in an imitation of him, become that open gate for others? Come and rediscover how we become an opening for the world in an adventure that is beyond our knowing. Let’s together Enter the Mystery by entering more fully into our lives.

8-24 THE METHODS AND MISERIES OF THE 100 YEARS’ WAR 📣**Fr. Thomas Weston, SJ**

Religious fanaticism, selfish nationalism, personal greed, political ambition: In the 17th century, Western Europe experienced 100 years of hatred, persecution and systemic violence as Lutheran, Calvinist and Catholic nations battled and struggled for dominance. In this session, we will look at some of the causes and some of the results, and some of the bitter lessons of this period of our history. We will end with a brief presentation on the separation of Church and state, the wisdom of the Second Vatican Council, and of the ecumenical movement.

**CONGRESS TRIVIA:**

Congress not only draws people from across the country and from Canada and Mexico, but last year we had attendees from Argentina, Australia, England, Germany, Ghana, Ireland, North Ireland, Pakistan, Philippines, Puerto Rico and South Korea.

8-70 Phát triển đức tin của người Việt trẻ trên đất Mỹ**Lê Xuan Hy**

Liên hệ giữa giới teen và người lớn tuổi hơn gây nhiều khó khăn, nhất là khi hai giới sống với những giá trị và văn hoá khác nhau. Chúng tôi dựa vào Thánh Kinh, lý thuyết phát triển, khảo cứu, và kinh nghiệm (kể cả thất bại) để bàn tới một số phương pháp cho người trẻ cũng như cho thầy cô, phụ huynh, và cộng đoàn, để giúp tất cả phát triển đức tin.

FAITH DEVELOPMENT OF VIETNAMESE YOUTH IN THE UNITED STATES**Hy Xuan Le**

Teen/adult relationships in the United States stress both sides, particularly when they operate in different cultures and values. We draw from Scripture, development theories, research findings, and experience (including failures) to suggest a range of strategies for teens, teachers, parents and communities to foster faith development in this challenging environment.



BIENVENIDO

JUEVES – 21 DE FEBRERO

(Horario en las páginas 8-13)

VIERNES – 22 DE FEBRERO

7:30 am - 3:00 pm	Inscripción (Prefunción Lobby)
8:30 - 9:30 am	Oración y Bienvenida (Arena)
10:00 - 11:30 am	Primera Sesión de Talleres
11:30 - 1:00 pm	ALMUERZO
11:30 am	Intercambio de entradas
11:45 - 12:30 pm	Música (Arena) – Jacob & Matthew con Danielle Rose, Noelle Garcia
	Music (Hall B) – Cliff Petty y Meredith Augustin
1:00 - 2:30 pm	Segunda Sesión de Talleres
3:00 - 4:30 pm	Tercera Sesión de Talleres
5:15 pm	Servicio de Oración y Liturgias Eucarísticas
8:00 pm	Concierto (Arena) – Liam Lawton “Film Showcase” 2013 Taizé
9:00 pm	

SÁBADO – 23 DE FEBRERO

7:30 am - 3:00 pm	Inscripción
7:50 am	Alabanza matutina (Arena)
8:30 am	Asamblea General (Arena, sin traducción)
10:00 - 11:30 am	Cuarta Sesión de Talleres
11:30 - 1:00 pm	ALMUERZO
11:45 - 12:30 pm	Música (Arena) – Curtis Stephan, Steve Angrisano y Dan Schulte
	Música (Hall B) – Hermana Glenda
1:00 - 2:30 pm	Quinta Sesión de Talleres
3:00 - 4:30 pm	Sexta Sesión de Talleres
5:15 pm	Servicio de Oración y Liturgias Eucarísticas
8:00 pm	Concierto (Arena) – Marichi con Anna Betan- court, Donna Peña y Pedro Rubalcava
8:30 pm	Iluminaciones Sagrado
9:00 pm - 12:00	Baile (Marriott)

DOMINGO – 24 DE FEBRERO

8:00 - 11:00 am	Inscripción
8:00 - 9:30 am	Liturgia Eucarística (Arena)
8:30 am	Asamblea de la mañana Español: Luis Benavides Inglés: Hna. Maureen Sullivan
10:00 - 11:30 am	Séptima Sesión de talleres
11:30 - 1:00 pm	ALMUERZO
11:45 - 12:30 pm	Música (Arena) – Santiago Fernández, Donna Peña, Rafael Moreno
	Música (Hall B) – Grayson Warren Brown
1:00 - 2:30 pm	Octava Sesión de Talleres
3:30 pm	Liturgia Eucarística (Arena)



¿QUÉ ES EL RECONGRESO?

El Congreso de Educación Religiosa de Los Ángeles es el evento más grande de su clase en los Estados Unidos. Su objetivo original continúa siendo el de ofrecer capacitación y formación espiritual a aquellas personas involucradas en el ministerio catequético y otros ministerios relacionados con la catequesis. Hoy en día, sin embargo, el Congreso abarca mucho más allá de la formación de los educadores religiosos. El Congreso congrega a más de 40,000 participantes durante los cuatro días en que se celebra, ofreciendo más de 280 talleres con una amplia gama de temas sobre la espiritualidad, música religiosa, desarrollo personal, estudios bíblicos y catequesis.

Regístrese ya en este enriquecedor fin de semana, vital para el crecimiento y formación de ministros de la iglesia. Complete el formulario de inscripción que se encuentra en la parte interna de la pasta este cuaderno. También puede visitarnos en la red del internet a www.RECongress.org; allí puede usar su tarjeta de crédito para pagar su inscripción.

El Congreso de Educación Religiosa se lleva a cabo en las instalaciones del Centro de Convenciones de Anaheim, ubicado en 800 West Katella Avenue, Anaheim, California, al Sur de Disneyland y Disney's California Adventure.

COSTO: \$65 (antes del 4 de enero, 2013); \$75 (después del 4 de enero, 2013) – El costo de inscripción cubre la admisión a todos los eventos: exposiciones, conciertos, liturgias de los tres días y a los talleres (debe de presentar sus boletos de inscripción para éstos).

NOTA: También pueden inscribirse en persona durante el congreso. Solamente presenten su formulario completo junto con la cuota de inscripción.

TEMA DE REFLEXIÓN

Se rompe el alba y nos despertamos a la maravilla de Dios en nosotros, en nuestro derredor y más allá. Entramos al misterio de Aquel que crea un mundo desbordante con vida y vitalidad; que nos regala a Jesús; y que promete permanecer con nosotros por el poder del Espíritu – fuente de amor y el combustible de Dios.

Jesús – el punto culminante de la auto-entrega de Dios y el reflejo de su gloria, viene a renovarnos, a llenarnos y a llamarnos al misterio de nuestros más profundos anhelos – nuestra añoranza por Dios.

Y sin embargo, es posible perdernos de estos despertares, de esta visita como la poeta Elizabeth Barrett Browning muy aptamente proclama:

La tierra se encuentra atiborrada con el cielo
Y cualquier arbusto se enciende con Dios
Pero solo el que lo percibe se quita las sandalias
Los demás se sientan arrancando zarzamoras

El tema “**Entra al Misterio**” ofrece la oportunidad de mirar con nuevos ojos y descubrir la presencia de Dios entretejida en el lienzo de la rica historia de nuestra Tradición: nuestras creencias, nuestros ritos y las grandes tradiciones espirituales.

Con igual admiración, volteemos la mirada hacia adentro para maravillarnos del misterio que habita en nosotros creados en la imagen y semejanza de Dios, y llamados a reflejar su presencia divina derramada por toda la creación.

– Hna. Edith Prendergast, RSC
Directora, Oficina de Educación Religiosa



UN MENSAJE DEL ARZOBISPO

Queridos participantes del Congreso,

Con el corazón lleno de gozo, les doy una cordial bienvenida al Congreso de Educación Religiosa. En este **Año de la Fe** proclamado por el Santo Padre, el congreso nos ofrece una nueva oportunidad para ahondar en nuestra conversión a Jesucristo y en nuestro compromiso con el ministerio de evangelización y catequesis.

El tema del congreso este año, **“Entra al Misterio,”** es inspirado por el pasaje del evangelio sobre la Transfiguración de Jesús, proclamado todos los años durante el segundo Domingo de Cuaresma. La Transfiguración revela que Jesucristo es el cumplimiento de las promesas hechas a lo largo de la historia de la salvación; el “hijo amado” de Dios; y Aquél a quien debemos escuchar. De la misma manera, nos recuerda que estamos llamados a entrar en el misterio de la presencia de Dios entre nosotros: en la comunidad de fe que se congrega para celebrar la Palabra y los Sacramentos, en nuestra vida diaria y en nuestros ministerios.

Su presencia aquí me llena de alegría y entusiasmo. Es muy alentador ver a todos ustedes aprovechando las oportunidades que el Congreso ofrece, tanto para su formación en la fe como para su enriquecimiento personal y para establecer relaciones ministeriales. Su liderazgo y participación son esenciales para seguir promoviendo la renovación espiritual y el bienestar en nuestras comunidades parroquiales, así como para la nueva evangelización de nuestra sociedad y cultura.

Ofrezco mi apoyo y aliento constante a todos ustedes que dedican su tiempo, esfuerzos y energía a este importante ministerio catequético.

Cuenten con mis oraciones para que Nuestra Señora de los Ángeles interceda por cada uno de ustedes y su familia.

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 José H. Gomez
 Arzobispo de Los Ángeles

SALUDO DE LA DIRECTORA

Queridas amigas y amigos:

Al celebrar el Año de la Fe, es de manera muy especial un gran placer para mí darles la bienvenida al Congreso 2013. Estos días llenos de gracia nos darán la oportunidad de ahondar nuestra vida de fe y de renovar nuestra dedicación para compartir las Buenas Nuevas.

El tema “Entra al Misterio” nos invita a mirar con “ojos nuevos” y descubrir la presencia creativa de Dios entretejida en la tela de nuestra rica fe: nuestras creencias, nuestros rituales y nuestras grandes tradiciones espirituales.

Estamos muy complacidos con cantidad y calidad de nuestros talleres, oradores, oradoras y recursos disponibles durante todo el fin de semana. La oportunidad de ser enriquecidas y enriquecidos por oradores y oradoras nuestros nacionales e internacionales es en sí, gracia en abundancia. Siempre bendecidos con nuestra realidad multicultural del Sur de California, el Congreso ofrece múltiples oportunidades para experimentar la riqueza de nuestra diversa comunidad de fe.

Las celebraciones litúrgicas inspiradoras y los entretenimientos creativos ofrecidos definitivamente alegrarán nuestros corazones y renovarán nuestros espíritus. En medio de tantas actividades, hay también la oportunidad de dar un paso a un lado y descansar en la belleza y el silencio del Espacio Sagrado, caminar en el laberinto o participar en el sacramento de la Reconciliación.

Nuevamente, muchas gracias por su liderazgo y por su ilimitada dedicación diciendo “SÍ” a la mister de pasar nuestra rica historia de fe.

Espero con entusiasmo el momento de darles la bienvenida.

Sinceramente,

Hermana Edith Prendergast, RSC

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 Directora de la Oficina de Educación Religiosa



MENSAJE DE LAS COORDINADORAS DEL CONGRESO



Queridos amigos y amigas:

Como Co-Coordinadores tenemos un gozo tremendo al darles la bienvenida al Congreso de Educación Religiosa 2013: "Entra al Misterio."

Nuestro fin de semana promete ser intrigante, empezando con la vitalidad de la Jornada Juvenil, proseguido de talleres de gran calidad, excelente entretenimiento durante el almuerzo y conciertos por la noche. Además, el congreso provee belleza con galerías artísticas y exposiciones multiculturales. Llena el espíritu con una variedad de liturgias y experiencias de oración y reflexión. El "Espacio Sagrado" volverá a estar disponible para los que desean vivenciar quietud y renovación. Y como siempre, el Congreso es una oportunidad maravillosa para renovar las amistades y encontrarnos con gente nueva que llega de todas partes del mundo haciendo del congreso un evento internacional.

No se pierdan la oportunidad de visitar el salón de exposiciones, que ofrece un sin-numero de recursos para el ministerio y publicadoras representadas con personal para servirles a ustedes.

En este folleto pueden encontrar información sobre los talleres, horarios, hospedaje e instrucción de como inscribirse vía correo regular o a través de la red del internet. Así mismo, ustedes pueden tener acceso a noticias y actualizaciones sobre el congreso en la página del internet www.RECongress.org. Información adicional puede ser obtenida enviando un correo electrónico a congress@la-archdiocese.org, o llamando al (213) 637-7346. Nuestro evento pueden verlo en vivo a través de la red en www.RECongress.org/LIVE.

Esperamos con ansiedad verles en el Congreso de Educación Religiosa para que juntos Entremos al Misterio de lo que este fin de semana atesora para todos.



Paulette Smith
Coordinadora de Eventos

Jan Pedroza
Coordinadora de Programación

MENSAJE DE LA COORDINADORA DE MINISTERIOS CATEQUÉTICOS

Queridas compañeras, compañeros, Maestras y Maestros de Catequistas:

Bendito sea Dios que nos da la oportunidad de celebrar otro Congreso anual de Educación Religiosa y aunque todos los años son eventos tan especiales de re-encuentro y enriquecimiento, parece que algunos años traen la certeza de acarrear más valioso peso significativo.

Sean todas y todos bienvenidas y bienvenidos a este Congreso 2013 el cual se llevará a cabo del 21 al 24 de febrero, en el que nos tocara celebrar el Año de la Fe bajo un tema tan profundo como este: "Entra al Misterio." Estos serán unos días llenos de gracia y que nos darán la oportunidad de ahondar nuestra vida de fe.

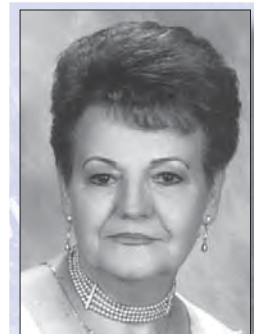
"Entra al Misterio" nos llama a mirar con "ojos nuevos" y encontrar la presencia imaginativa de Dios plasmada en el tejido de nuestra fe.

Como en todos los Congresos encontraremos muchas y magnificas oportunidades y recursos para revitalizar la evangelización y acrecentar nuestra fe. La gran variedad de talleres y conferencistas disponibles son recursos de formación y enriquecimiento para ustedes y sus comunidades parroquiales. Igualmente es digno de mencionarse la oportunidad de escuchar y nutrirse por medio de la sabiduría ofrecida por conferencistas de grandiosa reputación nacional e internacional, lo cual en si, es ya una gran bendición.

Las hermosas e inspiradoras liturgias, los momentos de esparcimiento y encuentros de compañerismo y fraternidad, llenaran de gozo nuestros corazones.

Las compañías editoras de libros, los puestos de artículos de arte religioso, en fin, se hacen largos los meses que faltan para volvernos a encontrar y hasta que llegue el día del encuentro, les abrazo con gran amor y entusiasmo,

Lourdes Gonzalez-Rubio
Coordinadora de Ministerios Catequéticos (Sp)





SÁBADO

SÁBADO ALABANZA DE LA MAÑANA

Arena – 8:00 am

Demos la bienvenida a un nuevo día cantando con un coro de alabanza y adoración al Dios de la Vida que camina con nosotros. Estela García-López, Rudy López, John Angotti y Santiago Fernández encabezarán esta celebración llena de espíritu edificante. La oración será presidida por Tricia Hoyt. Celebremos juntos nuestro camino común en la fe.



García López Angotti Fernández

SÁBADO ALMUERZO

Hall B – 11:45 am - 12:30 pm



HERMANA GLENDA

“A solas con Dios”

Un momento para orar, meditar y cantar con las hermosas canciones bíblicas interpretadas por la Hermana Glenda Hernandez, te ayudarán a encontrarte de verdad “a solas con Dios.”

SÁBADO POR LA NOCHE

Arena – 8:00 pm

“Celebrando el gran misterio con mariachi”

Les invitamos a gozar y festejar del muy conocido sonido del Mariachi en este encuentro con el Dios vivo para cantar del misterio quien nos ama sin fronteras. Vengan a disfrutar y unir sus voces a las de Anna Betancourt, Donna Peña y Pedro Rubalcava.

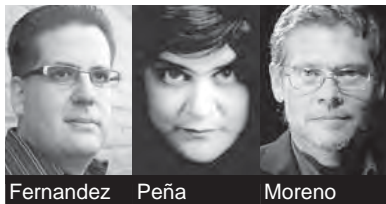


Betancourt Peña Rubalcava

DOMINGO

DOMINGO ALMUERZO

Arena – 11:45 am - 12:30 pm



Fernandez Peña Moreno

SANTIAGO FERNÁNDEZ, DONNA PEÑA & RAFAEL MORENO

Un mosaico de sonidos, ritmos, idiomas e historias presentado en un bufet musical diverso de culturas y fronteras. Presentamos tres voces de la iglesia Latinoamericana. Vengan preparados a moverse por el calor y el mensaje.



Jóvenes Adultos en el Congreso 2013!

Un ministerio para y desde los jóvenes de 18 a 39 años.

El Sínodo Arquidiocesano de Los Ángeles nos llama a construir “grupos juveniles” sólidos en nuestras parroquias, en nuestras regiones pastorales y en nuestra arquidiócesis. El Congreso de Educación Religiosa ofrece numerosas oportunidades para promover y capacitar a los jóvenes adultos en este vibrante ministerio. Este fin de semana es una excelente ocasión para que los jóvenes adultos renueven y revigoricen su vida espiritual y su compromiso en nuestra iglesia.

Los jóvenes adultos están especialmente invitados a participar y compartir los diferentes momentos de oración, música, ambiente y alegría durante el congreso. Acompáñanos en la variedad de experiencias orientadas principalmente a los jóvenes adultos.



LITURGIA DE JÓVENES ADULTOS

Sábado, 23 de febrero a las 5:15 pm

Mon. Kevin Kostelnik presidirá nuestra liturgia adultos jóvenes con la música dirigida por The Jacob & Matthew Band con Danielle Rose! Ven a dar culto con otros jóvenes de todo el mundo en esta celebración que destaca los dones de los adultos jóvenes.



BAILE PARA JÓVENES ADULTOS

Sábado, 23 de febrero, 9:00 pm - media noche

Costo: \$7 por persona

Esta tradición anual del Congreso es una oportunidad para reencontrarse con amigos y hacer algunos más. Después de un día completo de talleres, convivir con otras personas y haber celebrado la liturgia, nuestro DJ mezclará una variedad de ritmos musicales para continuar la fiesta por la noche! Todos los jóvenes adultos de 18 a 39 años son bienvenidos. Se requiere identificación para el ingreso.

TE INVITAMOS A CONSIDERAR ESTOS TALLERES PARA ADULTOS JÓVENES

Los siguientes talleres abarcarán los temas de formación psicológica y espiritual de los jóvenes adultos. Extendemos una invitación particular a todos los jóvenes adultos y a quienes sirven en este ministerio. Sugerimos también la lectura de esta guía para una selección de talleres que respondan a sus necesidades e intereses. (Los talleres con un asterisco serán grabados.)

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Domingo, 8:30 am

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Viernes y Sábado – 5:15 pm



LUIS M. BENAVIDES

“¡El Señor es mi pastor, qué me puede faltar!” 🎧

Aportes para una espiritualidad del siglo XXI a partir de la imagen bíblica del buen pastor. La poesía y la oración en los salmos como puerta de entrada en el misterio. La dinámica del salmo 22: las figuras del pastor y del anfitrión, símbolos de la imagen paterna de Dios. El dejarse conducir por Dios, confiar en su providencia, reposar en Él, sentirse amparados y protegidos por Él, caminar en su presencia: actitudes espirituales y claves para “Entrar en el Misterio.”

Combinando la música, el ritual y el espíritu de los participantes que hablan dos idiomas – español e inglés. Estas Misas honrarán la riqueza y los talentos de nuestras culturas y afirmarán nuestra llamada a celebrar la unidad en la diversidad.

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- 1-52 Fe, palabra e imagen (*)
- **José-Román Flecha**
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- 1-54 ¿Cómo mejorar la relación de una pareja cristiana? - **Sr. Glenda Hernandez**
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- 2-51 Santa María de Guadalupe: Modelo de evangelización perfectamente inculturado (*) - **Msgr. Eduardo Chávez Sánchez**
- 2-52 Recursos teatrales para la catequesis (*)
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- 2-53 Amigo/a de Dios: El misterio de nuestra relación con Dios (*) - **Renata Furst**
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- 2-56 Mi espiritualidad y la de mis estudiantes (*) - **Hna. Rose Monique Peña**
- 2-57 Cantos para acompañar y consolar en los ritos de las exequias - **Pedro Rubalcava**

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- 3-51 El discípulo, el buscador y el convertido: Los hispanos y su experiencia de Dios
- **Rev. Juan Luis Calderón**
- 3-52 Biblia: Siete herramientas para leerla (*)
- **Marta García Fernández**
- 3-53 La música como herramienta y fuente para evangelizar (*) - **Estela García-López**
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- 3-55 San Juan Bosco: El SUPER héroe de los jóvenes (*) - **Juan Carlos Montenegro**
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- 3-57 Comunicar una gran visión de la Biblia en el Año de la Fe (*) - **Hernán Pereda Bullrich**
- 3-58 ¿Qué hacer para recuperar los valores cristianos de la familia? (*)
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Sábado, 23 de febrero

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- 4-51 Sacramentos como puertas a lo sagrado y como ritos de pasaje (*)
- **Rev. Eduardo Fernández**
- 4-52 La tierra de Jesús: Una peregrinación espiritual (*) - **Rev. Virgilio Elizondo y Dr. Timothy Matovina**
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- 4-55 La formación musical de la asamblea: Mejorando el cantar del pueblo - **Peter Kolar**
- 4-56 Ante cada edad de 3 a 10 años ¿Qué? ¿Por qué? ¿Cómo? (*) - **Rev. Eduardo Levy**
- 4-57 Celebrando los ritos litúrgicos del rito de iniciación cristiana (*) - **Rev. Richard Vega**

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- 5-51 La paternidad espiritual: La vida como ofrenda creativa (*) - **Rev. Ruben Bellante**
- 5-52 ¿En que momento entran los pequeños al misterio del amor de Dios? (*)
- **Early Childhood Board**
- 5-53 La oración con fe (*) - **Ricardo Grzona**
- 5-54 La oración y el compromiso social: ¿Qué es la venganza de Dios?
- **Francisco Javier Herrera Brambila**
- 5-55 Sanando heridas de la vida (*)
- **Rev. Michael Kennedy y Javier Stauring**
- 5-56 Creando una cultura misionera en catequesis y pastoral juvenil (*)
- **Juan Carlos Montenegro**
- 5-57 “Yo los elegí a ustedes y los destiné para que vayan y den fruto” (Jn 15:16)
- **Rafael Moreno**
- 5-58 El Espíritu que forjó el Vaticano II está creando un nuevo amanecer (*)
- **Rev. Luigi Zanotto**

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- 6-51 Cómo entender a los niños y jóvenes de hoy (*) - **Luis Benavides**
- 6-52 Ni secreto, ni oculto: Un Dios al encuentro
- **Rev. Juan Luis Calderón**
- 6-53 ¡Viva la creatividad! Creativos a imagen y semejanza de Dios (*)
- **Jorge Iván Echavarría**
- 6-54 ¿Hace falta la teología para ser líder de pastoral? (*) - **Dr. Orlando Espin**
- 6-55 Ministerios litúrgicos: Entrando juntos al misterio - **Santiago Fernández**
- 6-56 ¿Quieres sanarte? (*) - **Gloria Grimaldo**
- 6-57 Líderes: Discípulos y testigos, llamados y enviados (*) - **Maruja Sedano**
- 6-58 Sexualidad al Servicio del Amor (*)
- **Dr. Carlos Yeomans Reyna**

Domingo, 24 de febrero

SESIÓN 7 – 10:00 - 11:30 AM

- 7-51 Fe, teatro y catequesis (*)
- **José-Román Flecha**
- 7-52 Orar con las cartas de San Pablo
- **Hna. Glenda Hernandez**
- 7-53 Ante cada edad de 11 a 17 años ¿Qué? ¿Por qué? ¿Cómo? (*) - **Rev. Eduardo Levy**
- 7-54 El sacerdocio común de los fieles. ¿Y qué es eso? (*)
- **Rev. Domingo Rodríguez Zambrana**
- 7-55 El apocalipsis profetiza y denuncia hoy para nutrir nuestra fe (*)
- **Clodomiro L. Siller Acuña**
- 7-56 La catequesis como un momento fundamental en la Nueva Evangelización (*)
- **Victor Valenzuela**
- 7-57 ¿Es posible tener unidad cuando somos tan diferentes? (*) - **Dr. John Yzaguirre**

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- 8-51 Ser catequista hoy ¿un proyecto sobrehumano? (*) - **Rev. Ruben Bellante**
- 8-52 Jesucristo: Centro del acontecimiento Guadalupeño (*)
- **Msgr. Eduardo Chávez Sánchez**
- 8-53 La Nueva Evangelización: Enseñar el arte de vivir (*) - **Prof. Alejandro Crosthwaite**
- 8-54 ¿Un Job paciente? (*)
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- 8-55 Después de los 40... (*) - **Gloria Grimaldo**
- 8-56 La escuela natural de la palabra de Dios: El año litúrgico (*) - **Hernán Pereda Bullrich**
- 8-57 Enfermedades de Transmisión Sexual (*)
- **Dr. Carlos Yeomans Reyna**
- 8-58 Resiliencia: Me estoy muriendo y le canto a la vida (*) - **Rev. Luigi Zanotto**



I-51 EL AÑO DE LA FE: REFUERZO DE NUESTRA FE Y PROCLAMACIÓN ALEGRE DE DIOS A LA HUMANIDAD DE NUESTRO TIEMPO 🗣️

Benedicto XVI, en su carta apostólica, *Porta Fidei*, habla de la exigencia de volver a descubrir el camino de la fe para resaltar cada vez más la alegría y el entusiasmo renovado del encuentro con Cristo Jesús. El Papa ha proclamado el Año de la Fe que coincide con dos aniversarios: el quincuagésimo de la apertura del Concilio Vaticano II (1962) y el vigésimo de la publicación del Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica (1992). Este taller busca llamar la atención, “hacer ruido,” sobre un valor, a veces también, por desgracia un contravalor, tan perenne y universal como lo es el de la fe. También busca presentar los objetivos del Año de la Fe y los puntos fundamentales de la fe sintetizados en el Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica para “que la Palabra del Señor siga avanzando y sea glorificada.”



Alejandro Crosthwaite, OP

Alejandro Crosthwaite, un sacerdote benedictino, es Director del Programa Internacional de Liderazgo Ético y Profesor Asociado de Doctrina Social de la Iglesia y de Ética Social, Política y Cultural en la Facultad de Ciencias Sociales de la Pontificia Universidad de Sto. Tomás de Aquino en Roma. Es editor de libros y autor de varias conferencias y artículos en el pensamiento social y político de Sto. Tomás de Aquino, ética y moral social latina/hispana y latinoamericana y medios de comunicación masivos.

I-52 FE, PALABRA E IMAGEN 🗣️

Según San Pablo, la fe entra por el oído y el oído escucha la predicación. Ahora bien, la palabra bíblica se apoya en la imagen y la imagen suscita la palabra. El taller trata de unir estos elementos en la catequesis y en los diversos ministerios con el fin de facilitar la transmisión y vivencia de la fe.



Rev. José-Román Flecha

José-Román Flecha es sacerdote de la Diócesis de León, España, en la que ha sido párroco. También es autor y Profesor de teología moral, Director del Instituto de Estudios Europeos y Derechos Humanos, y Director del Centro de Orientación Familiar en la Universidad Pontificia de Salamanca, España. El P. Flecha es miembro de una Comisión de Estudios en la Congregación para la Educación Católica de la Santa Sede. Ha sido profesor universitario, conferencista en numerosos países. En varias ocasiones ha sido invitado al Instituto de Pastoral de Los Ángeles y al Congreso de Educación Religiosa.

CONGRESO HECHO:

En el segundo piso del centro de convenciones está localizada la Exposición Multicultural que muestra fotografías, iconos, vestidos, como también, la explicación de la variedad de culturas que existen dentro de la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles.

I-53 SOLIDARIDAD GLOBAL Y EL MINISTERIO DE LA PARROQUIA 🗣️

Este taller trata del llamado a vivir nuestra fe como católicos en una manera universal. Por medio de las enseñanzas sociales de la Iglesia Católica podemos poner en práctica la solidaridad con los pobres del mundo en nuestros ministerios. Vamos a compartir sugerencias para la vida parroquial tanto como para la vida personal de cada ministro en la Iglesia.



Rev. David García

El Padre David García es el director de las Antiguas Misiones Españolas de la Arquidiócesis de San Antonio. Él es el administrador parroquial de la Misión Concepción, y también es el asesor superior de Alcance para los Servicios Católicos de Ayuda del Clero, la agencia humanitaria oficial de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos en los Estados Unidos. Ha estado involucrado en la organización de la comunidad tanto como en proyectos civiles numerosos, incluyendo su servicio como oficial de la Conservación y Fomento de la Plaza Principal en el centro de San Antonio.

I-54 ¿CÓMO MEJORAR LA RELACIÓN DE UNA PAREJA CRISTIANA?

Análisis, ejercicios y técnicas para mejorar la relación de una pareja cristiana.



Hna. Glenda Valeska Hernández

“Hna. Glenda” es cantautora de música cristiana contemporánea. Se ha presentado en conciertos y conferencias multitudinarios en latinoamérica. Chilena con nacionalidad española, reside y trabaja en Barcelona, España. Es conocida internacionalmente, con 12 años dedicada a la evangelización con la música. Es Profesora en España y conferencista en Europa y América Latina. Su ciudad natal, Parral en Chile, la declaró “Servidora Ilustre” en el año 2003.

I-55 DE LA OSCURIDAD DEL MISTERIO A LA CLARIDAD DEL ENTENDIMIENTO 🗣️

Después de 50 años de la Constitución sobre la Liturgia, todavía celebramos los sagrados misterios sin conocer la simbología de los ritos y la riqueza de la participación del Pueblo Santo de Dios. Cuestionemos si de veras entendemos lo que estamos haciendo. ¿Quién pregunta nada? ¿Quién te explica? ¿Y por qué no?



Domingo Rodríguez Zambrana, ST

Padre Domingo Rodríguez Zambrana es el Vicario General y Procurador de Misiones de los Siervos Misioneros de la Santísima Trinidad y también es facilitador de retiros, misiones y talleres. El P. Domingo es columnista del periódico católico para las arquidiócesis de Newark, New Jersey, y la diócesis de Rockville Center, New York. Fue también presidente del Consejo Nacional Católico de Pastoral Hispana.

SESIÓN 1

10:00 - 11:30 AM • VIERNES, 22 DE FEBRERO

I-56 LA ANTIGUA Y LA NUEVA ALIANZA DIOS LAS HACE CON MUCHOS PUEBLOS

Desde que la humanidad decidió ser ella la que había de determinar lo que es bueno y lo que es malo, frecuentemente ha ido por caminos que contradicen el Plan de Dios. Sin embargo, desde el principio, Dios hizo una Alianza con el ser humano, que posteriormente cumplió con su Pueblo Escogido. Esa Alianza la llevó a plenitud en la encarnación y el ministerio de Jesús de Nazaret, Alianza que plenificará con la resurrección. La tradición de la Iglesia, y su Magisterio reciente han enseñado que esa presencia, acción y alianza de Dios también la hizo con los demás pueblos de la humanidad, estando con ellos como las Semillas de Palabra sembradas en las culturas que nuestra evangelización ha de llevar a su plenitud con la fuerza del Evangelio.



Clodomiro L. Siller Acuña

Nacido en Saltillo Coahuila, México, en 1938, Padre Clodomiro Siller Acuña es sacerdote diocesano de Tehuantepec, Mexico. Inició su educación en una escuela para indígenas en Oaxaca. Coordinador del área de Investigación y Consultoría del Centro Nacional de Misiones Indígenas en la Ciudad de México. Fue Secretario Ejecutivo de la Comisión Episcopal de Pastoral Indígena del Episcopado Mexicano y Director del Centro Nacional de Misiones Indígenas. Asesora a varias diócesis de México, América Latina y los Estados Unidos.

I-57 LOS SACRAMENTOS CON ADOLESCENTES: IDEAS PRÁCTICAS PARA IMPLEMENTAR

Hay muchos niños en nuestras parroquias que han llegado a ser adolescentes sin recibir sus primeros sacramentos. Para algunos de esos niños el proceso más adecuado es el RICA adaptado para niños. Para un gran número de esos niños que ya están bautizados y solo necesitan la primera comunión y la reconciliación tenemos que hacer un proceso para rectificar la situación. La meta de este taller es de dar ideas prácticas para implementación en nuestras parroquias. Los componentes esenciales de ese proceso serán elaborados, por ejemplo, los temas principales que se deben usar e ideas para incluir a los padres de familia en un modo satisfactorio para todos.



Victor Valenzuela

Victor Valenzuela es un Consultante Nacional de Religión para los Recursos Bilingüe de William H. Sadlier, Inc. Él ha hecho presentaciones para varios grupos regionales y nacionales. Ha servido en este ministerio por 20 años como maestro de jóvenes, dando entrenamiento para maestras/os, y escribiendo y desarrollando material nuevo. Él tiene un Bachillerato de Arte del Seminario San José en Menlo Park, California y una Maestría de Arte de la Universidad de San Francisco. Nacido en Arizona de padres de descendencia Mexicana, él es bilingüe y bicultural.

SESIÓN 2

1:00 - 2:30 PM • VIERNES, 22 DE FEBRERO

2-51 SANTA MARÍA DE GUADALUPE: MODELO DE EVANGELIZACIÓN PERFECTAMENTE INCULTURADO

Los primeros misioneros que llegaron a México emprendieron una tarea titánica al querer evangelizar a millones de indígenas. A pesar de tantos obstáculos, entre ellos: lingüísticos y culturales, se suscitó una de las conversiones más grandes y sin precedentes en la historia de la Iglesia Católica. ¿Qué fue lo que pasó? ¿Cómo es posible que los indígenas vinieran en pos de los sacramentos realizando caminatas de días y meses? Esa conversión sólo puede ser explicada por la manera perfecta con la que evangelizó Santa María de Guadalupe.



Canónigo Dr. Eduardo Chávez

Nació en la Ciudad de México, Monseñor Eduardo Chávez Sánchez sirvió como postulador de la Causa de Canonización de San Juan Diego. Es cofundador del Instituto Superior de Estudios Guadalupanos, así como Canónigo de la Basílica de Guadalupe en México. También, Coordinador General de México por la Pontificia Comisión para los 50 Años del Concilio Vaticano II. A lo largo de su trabajo como postulador y hasta hoy, Mon. Chávez ha hecho grandes contribuciones al estudio del evento guadalupeño, dirigiéndose a las principales instituciones académicas internacionales.

2-52 RECURSOS TEATRALES PARA LA CATEQUESIS

Descubrir en los elementos de las artes escénicas, nuevos recursos para la catequesis y la evangelización, el trabajo con comunidades específicas y las posibilidades como herramienta en la vida parroquial y comunitaria. Breve asomo al teatro, los títeres, la pantomima, el cuento, las sombras y el video como valiosos recursos de evangelización.



Jorge Iván Echavarría

Jorge Echavarría nació en Bogotá, Colombia. Además de la narración oral, él ha participado en distintos proyectos de teatro como escritor, director y productor. Su creatividad trasciende en las áreas de diseño y publicidad, como en el manejo de grupos, motivación de equipos, retiros, convivencias y misiones. Es imaginador profesional, asesor pastoral y misionero laico, diseñador gráfico independiente. Desde 1992 llevando sus funciones a nivel nacional e internacional, y dando talleres conferencias y retiros para jóvenes, parroquias y comunidades religiosas.

2-53 AMIGO/A DE DIOS: EL MISTERIO DE NUESTRA RELACIÓN CON DIOS 🗣️

Moisés fue un personaje extraordinario. Sobrevivió la orden de ejecución que promulgó el faraón contra los niños de su pueblo; fue educado por la misma hija del faraón; pero nunca olvidó a su pueblo oprimido. Su encuentro con Dios en el desierto lo transformó de un hombre que temía al Misterio a convertirse en el que le conoció cara a cara. Este taller investiga la formación espiritual de este personaje del Antiguo testamento para ver cómo podemos aprovecharlo hoy en día.



Renata Furst, PhD

Dra. Renata Furst es una profesora latina con experiencia en el campo de la formación para adultos en comunidades hispanas. Ha enseñado tanto a nivel de la parroquia como a nivel universitario, en inglés y español en Texas, New Jersey and Quebec, Canada. En este momento Dra. Furst es Profesora de Santas Escrituras y Espiritualidad en Oblate School of Theology en San Antonio.

2-54 MIGRACIÓN Y LA EUCARISTÍA 🗣️

Este taller mirará el asunto de la migración desde un punto de vista teológico y espiritual, sobre todo a la luz de la eucaristía. Miraremos la migración como una cuestión global y a nuestra fe como una cuestión universal, la que nos une en fronteras y en la liturgia. Exploraremos cómo una mejor comprensión de la migración actual nos da una forma nueva y más profunda de entender las Escrituras; al hacerlo obtendremos un modo nuevo de entender a Dios que emigró hacia nosotros en Jesucristo, que como discípulos nos llama a regresar a él.



Rev. Daniel G. Groody, CSC, PhD

Daniel Groody, sacerdote católico de la Congregación de la Santa Cruz, es profesor, reconocido autor y cineasta. Actualmente es profesor de Teología y director del Centro de Cultura y Espiritualidad en el Instituto de Estudios Latinos de la Universidad de Notre Dame en Indiana. Es autor de numerosos libros y artículos que han sido traducidos en cinco idiomas. Ha colaborado con el Congreso de los Estados Unidos, la Conferencia Episcopal de los Estados Unidos, el Consejo Mundial de Iglesias y el Vaticano en temas de teología, globalización e inmigración.

2-55 MARÍA DESATA LOS NUDOS DE MI VIDA 🗣️

En el Año de la Fe, María, la primera creyente, nos ayuda en este proceso de entendimiento del misterio divino. “Por la fe, María acogió la palabra del Ángel y creyó en el anuncio de que sería la Madre de Dios en la obediencia de su entrega” (*Porta Fidei*, 13). En el taller desarrollaremos nuestra fe católica unidos a María, y promoveremos las advocaciones marianas, especialmente aquella que nos ayuda a desatar los nudos de nuestra vida, aprendiendo a orar con ella desde el Evangelio.



Ricardo Grzona

Ricardo Grzona fue rector de la Universidad Champagnat de Mendoza, Argentina, la ciudad donde nació. Dirigió Departamentos de Educación y Catequesis del CELAM. Actualmente es presidente de la Fundación Ramón Pané en Miami, Florida. Es un Consultor SBU programas Católicos en las Américas y Profesor de Catequética, Teología y Ciencias Religiosas en ITEPAL-CELAM y en varias universidades de América Latina. Sus libros incluyen “Orar con la Biblia, Rezar con la Palabra.”

2-56 MI ESPIRITUALIDAD Y LA DE MIS ESTUDIANTES 🗣️

Cada estudiante posee una espiritualidad muy propia la cual se manifiesta de muchas maneras. Conversaremos sobre “nuestra” espiritualidad para entender mejor la de ellos.



Rosa Monique Peña, OP

Oriunda de la República Dominicana, Hna. Rosa Monique Peña vive en Miami, Florida, donde fue Directora del Departamento de Educación Religiosa, la Certificación de Catequistas y el Proceso Catecumenal de la Arquidiócesis de Miami. Fue también profesora de primaria, secundaria y adultos universitarios, y estudiantes seminaristas y del diaconado. Experimentada conferencista bilingüe y poseedora de un certificado en homilética. Sirve actualmente como Asesora Nacional de Catequesis para la compañía publicitaria W.H. Sadler, Inc.

2-57 CANTOS PARA ACOMPAÑAR Y CONSOLAR EN LOS RITOS DE LAS EXEQUIAS

Cuando se nos muere un ser querido en la comunidad afirmamos la esperanza en la vida eterna y consolamos a los dolientes. El canto y por consiguiente los músicos pastorales toman un papel determinante al acompañar los varios ritos que nos presenta el Ritual de Exequias Cristianas. Presentaremos varias opciones de cantos utilizando los textos del ritual para acompañar los diferentes momentos que forman nuestras bellas celebraciones litúrgicas en el nuevo ritual.



Pedro Rubalcava

Pedro Rubalcava es un conocido compositor litúrgico y presentador de música litúrgica. Es Director de Ministerios Hispanos en Oregon Catholic Press en Portland, Oregon. Ha sido director de ministerios litúrgicos parroquiales, co-director de pastoral juvenil diocesana (San Diego) y coordinador de pastoral parroquial. Pedro es orador frecuente en el Congreso de Los Angeles, tanto como en varios congresos litúrgicos y en conferencias de educación religiosa a nivel nacional, diocesano y parroquial.



3-51 EL DISCÍPULO, EL BUSCADOR Y EL CONVERTIDO: LOS HISPANOS Y SU EXPERIENCIA DE DIOS

Uno de los desafíos aparentes de nuestra sociedad es que la gente se cambia de Iglesia. No es un problema de creer, no es un problema de sentir, es un problema de encontrar. La gente cree, pero desea experimentar y compartir la presencia de Dios. La mistagogia es la clave para evitar el proselitismo y activar la vivencia personal y comunitaria de la fe.



Rev. Juan Luis Calderón

Padre Juan Calderón llegó a Estados Unidos desde España el año 2001 como Subdirector del Centro Guadalupe en la Arquidiócesis de Newark, New Jersey. Actualmente es vicario parroquial y Director de Educación Religiosa en la Iglesia de San Rocco en Union City y en la Iglesia de José de Palisades en West New York, New Jersey. El padre Calderón ha sido conferencista principal en congresos través de los Estados Unidos.

3-52 BIBLIA: SIETE HERRAMIENTAS PARA LEERTE

¿Cómo unos textos tan antiguos pueden decir algo nuevo a la persona de hoy? ¿Por qué resulta tan difícil encontrar acceso al significado de los textos, dado la distancia cultural, lingüística, temporal y espacial que nos separa? En la sesión vamos a apoyarnos en el método “narrativo,” el cual ofrece una serie de herramientas para ahondar en el significado de los relatos bíblicos. Serán siete claves utilizándolas como un “manejo de llaves” que “nos abren la puerta del significado” del pasaje bíblico. También exploraremos el “arte de interpretar” por medio de la práctica. Así que en sus mochilas traigan sus Biblias, sentido “crítico,” gusto por la aventura, gratitud y confianza.



Marta García Fernández

Marta García Fernández, nace en Madrid, España, es una religiosa en la Congregación de Hermanas de Nuestro Señor de la Consolación. En Septiembre de 2009 comienza su enseñanza en la Facultad de Teología de Vitoria-Gasteiz y en la Universidad de Comillas, Madrid. Actualmente imparte clases de Sagrada Escritura en la Universidad de Comillas y dirige la sede de Madrid del Instituto Bíblico y Oriental. Hna. García es una conferencista presentando talleres, jornadas, etc., de diversa índole.

3-53 LA MÚSICA COMO HERRAMIENTA Y FUENTE PARA EVANGELIZAR

A menudo nos decimos el uno al otro, “¡El que canta ora dos veces!” Pero ¿qué significa esto? La respuesta a esta pregunta explora el poder de la música para renovar los corazones y cambiar vidas.



Estela García-López

Estela García-López es directora de música en la Parroquia de la Ascensión en Portland, Oregon, donde, junto con su esposo, Rudy López, dirige el coro de adultos y de niños para la misa dominical en español. Trabaja en OCP, donde sirve como Especialista en Desarrollo de Música. Es música, compositora y da talleres de formación musical en todo el país. Recientemente ella y su esposo lanzaron su colección, “Brille Tu Luz (En Medio de las Tinieblas).”

CONGRESO HECHO:

A lo largo de estos 57 años de historia, el Congreso de Educación Religiosa de Los Ángeles se ha convertido en el mayor encuentro anual de los Católicos Romanos en la nación, con la participación de más de 40,000 personas cada año.

3-54 HONOR MIGRANTE: ¿A QUÉ VENIMOS? ¿A EVANGELIZAR! ... CANTANDO

Nuestros cantos, formas de rezar, compartimientos, y participación en la vida diaria de nuestros hermanos emigrantes pueden expresar nuestra solidaridad para con ellos, haciéndonos más conscientes de la misión de transformar nuestra sociedad. Además aprenderán técnicas para que su grupo integre mucho más el canto, la liturgia y elementos culturales en sus reuniones y conferencias, haciendo que su comunidad sea más expresiva y abierta al Espíritu de Dios. Por medio del cuento y del canto tocaremos temas de inmigración, justicia laboral y organizaciones populares para ver cómo los cristianos son llamados a ser sal de la tierra de una forma humilde y efectiva.



Francisco Javier Herrera Brambila

Canta-autor de música religiosa, mensaje social y desarrollo humano, Francisco Herrera Brambila vive en Oakland, California, y lleva 40 años participando en coros y liturgia en los Estados Unidos. Es fundador y co-director de Trabajo Cultural Caminante, con talleres de formación a parroquias, universidades e institutos comunitarios. También es co-fundador de Fundación Caminante y es miembro activo de la Comisión Litúrgica por la Arquidiócesis de San Francisco, donde es co-Director del coro arquidiócesis asociado de la Cruzada Guadalupeana de San Francisco.

3-55 SAN JUAN BOSCO: EL SUPER HÉROE DE LOS JÓVENES

¿Cuántas veces como catequistas o encargados de la pastoral juvenil hemos estado a punto de tirar la toalla? ¿Sabían que este santo alguna vez fue hasta excomulgado por malos entendimientos con el obispo? Pero todo esto no le impidió seguir haciendo la diferencia en la vida de los jóvenes, especialmente los más necesitados. En esta conferencia realizaremos un análisis de quien fue San Juan Bosco y de la pedagogía que él utilizó para cambiar millones de corazones. Nos daremos cuenta que sus técnicas pueden servirnos en nuestro ministerio con la juventud. Venga, comparta y reflexione en la vida del santo de los jóvenes.



Juan Carlos Montenegro

Juan Carlos Montenegro es Coordinador de la Pastoral Juvenil y Coordinador del Voluntariado Salesiano en Los Angeles. Ha entregado toda su vida a trabajar con los jóvenes, ha trabajado como misionero en la mitad de la selva Amazónica y ha tenido la oportunidad de participar en varios congresos internacionales, “JC” como le conocen los jóvenes gracias a la experiencia que tiene de 16 años de la Pastoral Juvenil ha logrado escribir tres libritos. Es conferencista en NCCYM, los congresos de Educación Religiosa, y en conferencias internacionales.

3-56 LA ESPERANZA CRISTIANA A LA LUZ DE LA EXPERIENCIA DEL MIGRANTE 🗣️

Uno de los regalos más hermosos que recibimos de Dios es la virtud de la esperanza cristiana. Reflexionemos teológicamente sobre esta virtud a partir de la experiencia del migrante. ¿Qué significa tener esperanza cuando se es migrante? ¿Cómo la esperanza cristiana sostiene al migrante? ¿De qué manera los migrantes son esperanza para la Iglesia en los Estados Unidos? Este taller está diseñado para personas trabajando pastoralmente con inmigrantes y aquellos interesados en explorar su propia experiencia migrante de una manera más profunda.



Hosffman Ospino, PhD

El Dr. Hosffman Ospino, es profesor de teología pastoral y educación religiosa en la Escuela de Teología y Ministerio de Boston College, donde también es director de programas de postgrado en ministerio hispano. Su trabajo académico y pastoral le ha llevado a hacer presentaciones en Europa, Norteamérica y Latinoamérica. La investigación del Dr. Ospino se enfoca en el dialogo entre fe y cultura. Su libro más reciente es una reflexión sobre el discipulado Cristiano titulado “El Catecismo de Pedro: ¿Quien Dices Que Soy Yo? ¿Por Que Dudas? ¿Me Amas?”

3-57 COMUNICAR UNA GRAN VISIÓN DE LA BIBLIA EN EL “AÑO DE LA FE” 🗣️

Ante la impresión de la dificultad de conocer el mundo de la Biblia, se ofrece en este taller la posibilidad de entrar en dicho mundo a través de esquemas históricos claros y progresivos. Los participantes podrán darse cuenta de que una gran visión bíblica es posible e incluso fundamental para no perderse en el conjunto de los libros, autores, épocas y cronologías. En el Año de la Fe, parece indispensable encontrar nuevos modos y lenguajes para recibir y comunicar los datos fundamentales de la historia bíblica y su mensaje.



Rev. Hernán Jorge Pereda Bullrich

Padre Hernán Pereda Bullrich nació en Buenos Aires, ha vivido la mayor parte de su vida religiosa en España e Italia. Actualmente vive en Madrid, España, donde es presidente de FECOM (Fundación para la Evangelización y Comunicación), y es Director de Ejercicios Espirituales y Bíblicos presentando conferencias multimedia sobre historia bíblica y del cristianismo. Es miembro de la congregación de los Cooperadores Parroquiales es un director de numerosos programas televisivos durante 30 años, también es autor de unos 40 títulos de cursos multimedia. Fundador de dos centros televisivos en Argentina y España y conductor de numerosos programas televisivos.

3-58 ¿QUÉ HACER PARA RECUPERAR LOS VALORES CRISTIANOS DE LA FAMILIA? 🗣️

“La catequesis familiar es, en cierto modo insustituible, sobre todo por el ambiente positivo y acogedor, por el atrayente ejemplo de los adultos, por la primera y explícita sensibilización de la fe y por la práctica de la misma” (DNC 47E). En este taller hablaremos de los valores humanos y cristianos que dan significado y dirección a cada aspecto de la vida familiar. Aprenderemos tácticas para ayudar a los padres de familia y a los niños a mantener el orgullo de ser parte de una herencia o tradición que “entra en el misterio” y aprecia y vive los valores cristianos.



Enedina Sánchez-Saucedo

Enedina Saucedo es Directora Asociada en la Oficina para el Ministerio de Evangelización y Catequesis de la Diócesis de San Diego, tiene experiencia en el ministerio de adultos y niños, música litúrgica, metodología práctica para la catequesis. Ha dado presentaciones en National Conference for Catechetical Leadership) y National Catholic Educational Association, también ha dado cursos de historia de la Iglesia, métodos para la catequesis y talentos para los padres de familia en la Diócesis de San Diego y arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles.

4-51 SACRAMENTOS COMO PUERTAS A LO SAGRADO Y COMO RITOS DE PASAJE 🗣️

¿De dónde venimos y a donde vamos? Además, ¿cómo sabemos si vamos por el buen camino? Durante la historia, los seres humanos se han hecho estas preguntas esenciales. En la celebración de sacramentos, un Dios generoso que se hace presente por medio de la Palabra, ritos sacramentales, y la asamblea, nos abraza y nos anima para seguir adelante a lo largo de las etapas de la vida humana. Durante estos tiempos de iniciación, alimentación, maduración, perdón, sanación, compromiso, y vocación, los sacramentos nos abren puertas al mundo sagrado repleto de gracia. Por medio de imágenes y relatos de varias culturas, este taller explora la relación entre sacramentos y ritos de pasaje en la familia humana.



Rev. Eduardo C. Fernández, SJ

Además de dar clases de teología hispana y pastoral en la Escuela Jesuita de Teología en Berkeley, California, que ahora pertenece a la universidad de Santa Clara en California, el Padre Eduardo Fernández se dedica a escribir, dar talleres y retiros, y colaborar en algunas parroquias. También ha hecho pastoral con universitarios; ha escrito varios libros, entre ellos una introducción a la Teología Hispana en los Estados Unidos llamado “La Cosecha,” que recientemente publicó en versión castellana y “Mexican-American Catholics.”

4-52 LA TIERRA DE JESUS: UNA PEREGRINACIÓN ESPIRITUAL ☪

Este taller es para los que desean caminar con Jesús en su propia tierra, pero nunca han podido visitar la Tierra Santa. La presentación incluye el acompañamiento musical de compositor Pedro Rubalcava, además de meditaciones visuales de lugares sagrados como la Cueva de la Anunciación, Belén, el desierto y el Mar de Galilea, y la ciudad de Jerusalén.



Rev./Dr. Virgilio Elizondo

Padre Virgilio Elizondo es reconocido mundialmente por aportación a la Teología Católica hispana en los Estados Unidos de América. En 1972, fundó el Centro Cultural Mexicano-Americano. Es Profesor de Teología Hispana y Pastoral en la Universidad de Notre Dame. Continúa viajando desde su residencia en San Antonio, donde es Director de Programación de la Televisión Católica y Vicario de la Parroquia de Santa Rosa de Lima.



Dr. Timoteo Matovina

Dr. Timoteo Matovina tiene más de 30 años de experiencia sirviendo entre los católicos hispanos. Ha dado presentaciones sobre temas pastorales y teológicos en numerosas diócesis, institutos pastorales y programas de formación. Actualmente es Profesor de Teología y Director Ejecutivo del Instituto de Estudios Latinos en la Universidad de Notre Dame en South Bend, Indiana.

4-53 ¿CÓMO HABLAR DE DIOS SI DIOS ES MISTERIO? ☪

La catequesis y la pastoral tienen que hablar de Dios. ¿Pero cómo hablar de Dios cuando el cristianismo afirma que Dios es “Misterio” que está más allá de todo conocimiento y de toda afirmación? Al afirmar que Dios es compasión y que en Jesús de Nazaret encontramos a Dios, el cristianismo hace posible hablar de Dios aun cuando limita como y que se puede decir de Dios.



Dr. Orlando Espín

Dr. Orlando Espín es Profesor de Teología Sistemática en la Universidad de San Diego en California. Es ex-presidente de la Academia de Teólogos Hispánicos Católicos de Estados Unidos, donde es considerado uno de los principales teólogos latinos. Espín es autor o editor de nueve libros y de más de 400 artículos teológicos en revistas de todo el mundo.

4-54 LAS ENSEÑANZAS SOCIALES DE LA IGLESIA CATÓLICA Y EL PAPEL DEL LAICO ☪

Rev. David García

Este taller da un resumen de los siete temas de las enseñanzas sociales de la Iglesia Católica y como las vivimos en la Iglesia de Estados Unidos. El taller usa un PowerPoint con historias, ejemplos y las escrituras para explicar estos temas con ideas para aplicarlas en la vida parroquial.

4-55 LA FORMACIÓN MUSICAL DE LA ASAMBLEA: MEJORANDO EL CANTAR DEL PUEBLO

La formación musical es para todo el pueblo, no solo para los coros; pero son pocas las veces cuando nos educamos en la música sagrada. El documento “Cantemos al Señor” dice que “la formación musical de la asamblea debe ser una preocupación constante” de la parroquia. En esta sesión, aprenderemos cómo cantar mejor, y cómo estar más atentos al papel de la música en la liturgia; realizando la “participación plena, consciente y activa de los fieles” en el culto.



Peter Kolar

Cantante/compositor Peter Kolar es Editor Principal de Música y Recursos Hispánicos en la casa editorial World Library Publications. Es también el director del Coro Diocesano de El Paso, Texas, donde es instructor del Ministerio de la Música para el Instituto Tepeyac. Conferencista y presentador líder de la Asociación Nacional de Convenciones de Músicos Pastorales, Kolar tiene varias composiciones entre las que figuran el tema musical del congreso de educación religiosa del 2004.

4-56 ANTE CADA EDAD DE 3 A 10 AÑOS ¿QUÉ? ¿POR QUÉ? ¿CÓMO? ☪

Somos educadores católicos. Para educar a nuestros niños conviene saber qué conviene desarrollar en cada edad, por qué eso y cómo hacerlo. Compartiré mi experiencia de cerca de 50 años trabajando con todas las edades escolares. En esta conferencia daré pistas para formar a los chicos de 3 a 10 años.



Eduardo Levy, SJ

Jesuita Padre Eduardo Levy, ordenado en 1967, es director de Encuentros con Cristo, en Guadalajara, México. Durante 49 años ha dirigido Encuentros con Cristo orientado a niños y jóvenes desde los 3 hasta los 18 años y a maestros, padres de familia, abuelos y religiosas. Desde 1969 a elaborado 34 manuales y libros para dirigir Ejercicios Ignacianos y Encuentros renovados en los últimos cinco años.

4-57 CELEBRANDO LOS RITOS LITÚRGICOS DEL RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA ☪

Este taller explorará la celebración de los ritos litúrgicos relacionados con la Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos y niños catecúmenos y candidatos. Tomaremos nota de los elementos claves de los ritos y cómo celebrarlos al máximo en la parroquia, incluyendo recomendaciones musicales para los ritos.



Rev. Richard Vega

Actualmente el Padre Richard Vega sirve como pastor en la parroquia de San Francis de Roma en Azusa, California. Recientemente concluyó su asignación de seis años como Presidente de la Federación Nacional de Consejos Presbiterales. Antes de iniciar su servicio a la NFCP, fue párroco de La Purísima Concepción en Lompoc, California, por 12 años y como vicario parroquial en la Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles. Ha sido conferencista para las oficinas de educación religiosa y de culto en Los Angeles y Chicago.

5-51 LA PATERNIDAD ESPIRITUAL: LA VIDA COMO OFRENDA CREATIVA 🗣️

Nuestros contemporáneos no buscan tanto modelos a imitar, sino compañeros de ruta. Los que pueden conmovedlos, son esos hermanos de humanidad que han afrontado los mismos combates de la fe, los mismos desafíos de la esperanza, adhiriéndose a la fuente de la caridad lo más posible. Como catequistas – servidores – discípulos estamos llamados a recrear vínculos desde las entrañas del corazón del padre. En este taller buscaremos caminos concretos para lograrlo.

**Rev. Rubén Francisco Bellante**

El Padre Rubén Bellante, es párroco diocesano en Argentina, sus responsabilidades incluyen Delegado del Sedicom; Director de la obra diocesana de peregrinación “Senderos”; Director de la Radio diocesana “María”; y miembro del Colegio de Consultores y del Consejo Presbiteral. Ha colaborado con EWTN, ESNE y Radio Guadalupe entre otros medios de comunicación.

5-52 ¿EN QUE MOMENTO ENTRAN LOS PEQUEÑOS AL MISTERIO DEL AMOR DE DIOS? 🗣️

Invitar a un pequeño a reconocer el amor de Dios implica encontrar momentos educativos en su vida cotidiana. Es así como podemos acercar a nuestros niños al Misterio del Amor de Dios y de nuestra Fe. Aprovechando la llegada de la Primavera, que significa Nueva Vida, el Consejo Asesor de Educación de Primera Infancia de Los Angeles compartirá algunos ejemplos de como guiar a pequeños de 3, 4 y 5 años para que experimenten y celebren los dones de Dios a través de experiencias concretas y apropiadas a su edad.

**Early Childhood Advisory Board**

Continuando con la misma visión desde hace casi 40 años, el Comité de Consejo de Primera Infancia de la Oficina de Educación Religiosa, Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles, un grupo multi-talento de catequistas, educadores y profesionales, se esfuerza ayudar a otros a apreciar la importancia de experimentar el amor de Dios en formas concretas durante los años formativos prescolares de niños de 3 a 5 años de edad. Los talleres ofrecidos por este comité son informativos, con un enfoque “práctico” para la formación religiosa.

5-53 LA ORACIÓN CON FE 🗣️**Ricardo Grzona**

En el Año de la Fe, el Papa Benedicto XVI ha presentado un compromiso para aprender a orar desde una conversión auténtica y renovada. “Profesar con la boca indica, a su vez, que la fe implica un testimonio y un compromiso publico” (*Porta Fidei*, 10). En la Biblia hay muchos modelos de oración y algunos han producido efectos inmediatos, pues son oraciones dichas no con palabras sino con el corazón movidos por la fe. Presentaremos un breve ejercicio de *Lectio Divina* con un texto de oración. “La ‘fe que actúa por el amor’ se convierte en un nuevo criterio de pensamiento y de acción que cambia toda la vida de la persona” (*Porta Fidei*, 6).

5-54 LA ORACIÓN Y EL COMPROMISO SOCIAL: ¿QUÉ ES LA VENGANZA DE DIOS?**Francisco Javier Herrera Brambila**

El taller está basado en canto y oración el cual enriquecerá nuestra experiencia de reflexión y nuestra capacidad para participar y comprometernos en la actividad cívico-política de la sociedad. Tomaremos el trabajo litúrgico-cultural como un instrumento que nos ayude a entrar en oración para estar abiertos a la sabiduría de Dios para ser instrumentos de paz. El tiempo cambiante en el que estamos viviendo requiere que tengamos apertura a ser transformados para la renovación de la tierra. Los cantos, oraciones y meditaciones nos invitarán a ver como estamos viviendo la justicia que Dios nos pide.

5-55 SANANDO HERIDAS DE LA VIDA 🗣️

Usando los ejercicios espirituales de San Ignacio, el Padre Michael Kennedy y Javier Stauring guiarán a los participantes en una experiencia en el poder de la imaginación del Evangelio conectándolos con las heridas de nuestra propia vida y sanándolos con la medicina curativa en Jesús. Este método de oración Ignaciana en el Evangelio puede ser llevado y practicado en sus propios ministerios.

**Michael Kennedy, SJ**

Padre Michael Kennedy, un jesuita, ha sido sacerdote por más de 35 años, ha trabajado con los más pobres y desprotegidos en California, México, Centro América y Suramérica. Es autor de cinco libros que presentan un método dinámico de oraciones usadas en casas, escuelas y centros de detención. Actualmente, es director de la organización “Jesuit Restorative Justice Initiative” y es co-capellán en el Centro Juvenil Barry J. Nidorf en Sylmar, California. Padre Kennedy trabaja con jóvenes encarcelados e imparte retiros en las prisiones del Estado.

**Javier Stauring**

El capellán Javier Stauring es Co-Director de la Oficina de Justicia Restaurativa de la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles, donde supervisa los programas del Ministerio de Detención dentro de las cárceles juveniles y los campos de libertad condicional en los condados de Los Ángeles, Ventura y Santa Bárbara. También es Director de los Reglamentos de Comunidades de Fe para las Familias y los Niños.

5-56 CREANDO UNA CULTURA MISIONERA EN CATEQUESIS Y PASTORAL JUVENIL 🗣️**Juan Carlos Montenegro**

Algunos jóvenes cumplen “horas de servicio comunitario” pero ¿les estamos enseñando a ser verdaderos misioneros de la Palabra, o se limitan sólo a cumplir un requisito para confirmarse? Esta sesión sugiere un nuevo apostolado para jóvenes como misioneros. ¡No se pierdan esta sección que será muy divertida!

CONGRESO HECHO:

Las liturgias siempre han sido un elemento clave de la experiencia del Congreso. Durante todo el fin de semana del Congreso 2013 se ofrecen 16 Liturgias Eucarísticas en diferentes enfoques culturales.

5-57 “YO LOS ELEGÍ A USTEDES Y LOS DESTINÉ PARA QUE VAYAN Y DEN FRUTO” (JN 15:16)

Cristo, el Maestro, nos forma como servidores y nos va moldeando con amor y paciencia a pesar de nuestras fallos y debilidades; nos hace dignos, nos llama amigos, y nos hace útiles para proclamar su Reino.



Rafael Moreno

Rafael Moreno ha sido compositor y productor de música católica por 26 años. Es Predicador y director de asambleas de oración. Hace coordinación de música católica en medios de comunicación: en Guadalupe Radio/TV y en Hombre Nuevo, El Monte, California. A los 14 años, se integró a la Renovación Carismática en la que experimentó un fuerte deseo de componer música cristiana. Arquitecto de profesión y músico por vocación, fundó “Agua Viva” en 1984. Su música más reciente en CD, incluye “Sanación y Perdón,” “Jesús Sana” y “Parábolas de Jesús”

5-58 EL ESPÍRITU QUE FORJÓ EL VATICANO II ESTÁ CREANDO UN NUEVO AMANECER

El Espíritu de Dios metió a los Obispos del Concilio Vaticano II en una “batidora” que los transformó en Comunidad evangelizadora comprometida con el proyecto del Reino. La “Ruah” impulsa al momento presente (signos de los tiempos) y crea para ello una comunidad “buena noticia” (características de la Iglesia que responde a las exigencias de hoy).



Rev. Luigi Zanotto

Padre Luigi Zanotto, misionero, comboniano, es Párroco de St. Lucy's en Newark, New Jersey, con profunda experiencia latinoamericana. Ha sido encargado nacional de catequesis y secretario ejecutivo de Biblia con los Obispos de México. Colabora con la arquidiócesis de Los Angeles y con las diócesis del Nordeste de Estados Unidos y universidades en la formación de líderes de pastoral. Previamente sirvió como representante en las Naciones Unidas de los Misioneros Combonianos y del ONG Africa Faith and Justice Network. Su última publicación fue “Vayan y creen comunidad.”



6-51 CÓMO ENTENDER A LOS NIÑOS Y JÓVENES DE HOY

¡Socorro! ¡Tengo que educar a los niños y jóvenes del siglo XXI! La cultura infanto-juvenil emergente nos desafía con nuevos lenguajes y lógicas de comunicación y con el impacto de las redes sociales. ¿Cómo formar valores a las nuevas generaciones para la transmisión de la fe? Presentaremos algunas pistas para padres y educadores en un contexto de crisis y cambios acelerados.



Luis M. Benavides

Luis Benavides es catequista, maestro y director de escuela de Buenos Aires, Argentina. Es formador y miembro del Equipo Directivo del Instituto Superior de Catequesis de Argentina y de la Asociación Española de Catequistas. Benavides ha dictado cursos en distintas instituciones religiosas y diócesis de Hispanoamérica y Estados Unidos formando en su trayectoria a más de 30,000 catequistas, educadores y agentes de pastoral. Sus libros han sido publicados en Argentina, México, España, Brasil y Bélgica.

6-52 NI SECRETO, NI OCULTO: UN DIOS AL ENCuentRO

Rev. Juan Luis Calderón

Dios no quiere hacerte las cosas más difíciles. Lo que desea es que le conozcas, que le pruebes. La vivencia cristiana de la fe supone identificar desafíos y probar a vivir con Dios. Cuando dejamos de lado la opción de ignorar el mensaje de Dios, nos encontramos frente a la necesidad de tener un lenguaje para responder. La catequesis mistagógica provee ese lenguaje humano y divino.

6-53 ¡VIVA LA CREATIVIDAD! CREATIVOS A IMAGEN Y SEMEJANZA DE DIOS

Jorge Iván Echavarría

¿Qué es la creatividad? ¿Que no es la creatividad? ¿Cómo crea Dios? ¿Como ser creativos y no ofender a Dios en el intento? Estas y más preguntas, se resolverán en este taller sobre la creatividad, que es una charla amena, fresca y llena de sorpresas, imaginación y humor. Trae tu corazón abierto y dispuesto a dejarte tocar por la creatividad de Dios.

6-54 ¿HACE FALTA LA TEOLOGÍA PARA SER LÍDER DE PASTORAL?

Orlando Espin

La teología es reflexión razonada sobre la revelación y la vida cristiana. ¿Puede haber una pastoral seria y responsable que evite reflexionar sobre la revelación y sobre el vivir de los cristianos? ¡Claro que no! Por eso es indispensable que todo líder pastoral se eduque teológicamente. ¿Pero en que, como y donde? En este taller veremos algunas de las preguntas teológicas más importantes que requieren la atención de líderes pastorales latinos, además de modos prácticos y disponibles para la formación teológica de esos líderes pastorales latinos.

6-55 MINISTERIOS LITÚRGICOS: ENTRANDO JUNTOS AL MISTERIO

En esta sesión se analizará la realidad de los ministerios litúrgicos en nuestras parroquias, dándole énfasis a nuestro servicio a la comunidad. Se estudiarán los diferentes desafíos culturales, lingüísticos y ministeriales que existen en las parroquias hispanas de los Estados Unidos, ofreciendo sugerencias prácticas y dando a conocer algunos “pasos a seguir” para su eficaz desempeño. ¡Vengan y a descubrir nuevas maneras de entrar juntos al misterio y de servir a nuestra comunidad parroquial!

**Santiago Fernández**

Santiago Fernández ha sido músico pastoral por 25 años. El trabaja actualmente en la parroquia de San Damián de Molokai en Pontiac, Michigan, como director de música y también como presentador de talleres para OCP. Fernández es conferencista con charlas y talleres en eventos nacionales, regionales, diocesanos y parroquiales y ha sido miembro del Consejo Asesor Nacional para la USCCB, director musical del National Catholic Council for Hispanic Ministry, y Coordinador de Culto y Liturgia para el Primer Encuentro nacional de la Pastoral Juvenil Hispana en 2006.

6-56 ¿QUIERES SANARTE? 🎧

¡Cuántos años de sufrimientos y dolores llevamos dentro! ¡Cuanta parálisis es capaz de soportar el ser humano sin ser capaz de moverse hacia la ayuda y la sanación! Vivimos inmersos en un ambiente tan turbado, que no percibimos que muchas de nuestras conductas son producto de nuestros miedos, culpas no resueltas, remordimientos, deseos de venganza, envidias y muchas cargas, que nos paralizan igual que al paralítico de la piscina de Betesda (Juan 5-6). Planteamos el camino del autoconocimiento y de la aceptación como principios a trabajar. En libertad, y con motivación para el logro, podremos hacer lo que nos corresponda en vías de poder responder y actuar desde el “si quiero.”

**Gloria Cecilia Grimaldo**

Gloria Grimaldo, mujer, laica panameña, es una medica psiquiatra caja seguro social. Fue jefa de salud mental a nivel nacional y Presidenta de la Sociedad Panameña de Psiquiatría y Asociación Centroamericana de Psiquiatría. Es una Docente en seminario mayor de San Jose. Es expositora en congresos nacionales e internacionales de psiquiatría. Es coordinadora y facilitadora de diplomado en acompañamiento psicoespiritual.

6-57 LÍDERES: DISCÍPULOS Y TESTIGOS, LLAMADOS Y ENVIADOS 🎧

Hemos sido llamados por Dios y se nos ha confiado una misión. Este año celebramos el 50 aniversario del concilio Vaticano II, el 20 aniversario del Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, el llamado a una Nueva Evangelización y el Año de la Fe declarado por el Papa Benedicto XVI el pasado Octubre. Veremos cual es nuestra misión como catequistas y testigos, miembros de una comunidad evangelizada y evangelizadora, y cual es nuestra tarea como líderes, discípulos y testigos, llamados y enviados para facilitar la relación de amor entre la gente y Jesús.

**Maruja Sedano**

Maruja Sedano es la directora de la Oficina de Catequesis y Ministerio Juvenil en la Arquidiócesis de Chicago. Previamente fue directora asociada, responsable de Educación Religiosa de Adultos y del Instituto Bíblico en la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles, donde trabajo por 26 años. Durante los últimos 10 años sirvió en el Comité de Evangelización y Catequesis de la Conferencia Católica de Obispos en los Estados Unidos. Más de 30 años de experiencia entrando líderes y catequistas, dando talleres y conferencias en los Estados Unidos, Latinoamérica y España.

6-58 SEXUALIDAD AL SERVICIO DEL AMOR 🎧

La sexualidad humana debe abarcar a toda la persona para que se pueda vivir en plenitud. Al centrarla solamente en la genitalidad se pierde en el más profundo egoísmo.

**Dr. Carlos Yeomans Reyna**

Dr. Carlos Yeomans es medico ginecólogo con titulo de especialista en ginecología y obstetricia en Oregon, Sonora, Mexico. Ofrece enseñanza en platicas prematrimoniales y métodos naturales de planificación familiar. Ha hecho exposiciones en diversos temas médicos y familiares en congresos locales, nacionales e internacionales.

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7-51 FE, TEATRO Y CATEQUESIS 🗣️

José-Román Flecha

El Evangelio cuenta una historia empleando narraciones y parábolas. La tradición cristiana ha tratado de representar las verdades que cree. El taller evoca, entre otras representaciones, las Posadas y la Asunción de María a los cielos que se celebra en Elche, España, y sugiere hacer uso del teatro para la transmisión de fe en nuestras catequesis para niños, jóvenes y adultos.

7-52 ORAR CON LAS CARTAS DE SAN PABLO

Hna. Glenda Hernandez

Meditaremos, cantaremos y oraremos con algunos textos de las cartas de San Pablo que reflejan su antropología, eclesiología, pneumatología, cristología y demás aspectos de su teología.

7-53 ANTE CADA EDAD DE 11 A 17 AÑOS ¿QUÉ? ¿POR QUÉ? ¿CÓMO? 🗣️

Eduardo Levy, SJ

Daré pistas para interesar y formar a los preadolescentes, recién adolescentes y adolescentes, para lograr experiencias religiosas significativas para ellos en cada edad. Esto basado en experiencias de casi 50 años y ante los cambios en estos últimos tiempos.

7-54 EL SACERDOCIO COMÚN DE LOS FIELES. ¿Y QUÉ ES ESO? 🗣️

Domingo Rodríguez Zambrana, ST

Muchas son las dificultades y tensiones innecesarias que se han desarrollado en la comunidad parroquial cuando los fieles creyentes comienzan a exigir sus derechos. ¿Y cuáles son esos derechos? Miremos de cerca a la Constitución Lumen Gentium que define la naturaleza de la Iglesia, específicamente al Capítulo II, #10-11. Cuestionemos que es lo que nos enseña la Iglesia respecto a todo eso. ¿Te atreves?

7-55 EL APOCALIPSIS PROFETIZA Y DENUNCIA HOY PARA NUTRIR NUESTRA FE 🗣️

Clodomiro L. Siller Acuña

Ordinariamente al Apocalipsis le damos un sentido dramático de miedo, desastres, tragedias, desconcierto y calamidades fatales que preannuncian el fin del mundo en el que vivimos. Frecuentemente no le tomamos en cuenta en nuestra perspectiva de fe porque le juzgamos muy remoto y lejano. Pero apocalipsis significa revelación, la que Dios nos propone para entender y denunciar cómo la historia actual en la que vive y sufre su Pueblo contradice el sentido humano de la existencia y del Plan de salvación que Él nos propone. Al mismo tiempo nutre la respuesta de fe que con nuestro compromiso cristiano debemos dar aún en las circunstancias más adversas de nuestra realidad, esforzándonos porque nuestras accio-

nes y pensamientos estén inspirados y actuados como respuesta a la Palabra y a la Historia de Salvación que Él realizará plenamente para la humanidad comprometida en la Jerusalén Celeste.

7-56 LA CATEQUESIS COMO UN MOMENTO FUNDAMENTAL EN LA NUEVA EVANGELIZACIÓN 🗣️

Victor Valenzuela

La nueva evangelización nos brinda muchas oportunidades para renovar nuestra fe. La catequesis es el componente principal y el discipulado el buen resultado de estos esfuerzos. El discipulado es la meta de la catequesis. El Directorio Nacional de la Catequesis (DNC), nos dice: “La tarea fundamental de la catequesis es lograr este mismo objetivo: la formación de discípulos de Jesucristo” (DNC, p. 59). En esta plática nos enfocaremos en este discipulado y cómo podemos lograrlo en nuestras clases de religión. Las “seis tareas de la catequesis” igual que el involucrar a los padres de familia formaran parte de esta plática. En fin veremos ideas prácticas y efectivas listas para implementar en nuestras clases de religión.

7-57 ¿ES POSIBLE TENER UNIDAD CUANDO SOMOS TAN DIFERENTES? 🗣️

El futuro de muchos matrimonios dependerá de cómo sepan integrar sus diferencias. Las diferencias entre el hombre y la mujer son la raíz de muchos conflictos y se convierten en barreras para la comunicación entre ellos. Es esencial comprender, respetar e integrar las diferencias más comunes en la vida matrimonial. Los matrimonios felices y duraderos son los que saben construir una vida de unidad en la distinción.



Dr. John Yzaguirre

El Dr. John Yzaguirre es un psicólogo y autor que se especializa en vida familiar y espiritualidad católica. Es director del Instituto Prosocial de California junto con su esposa, Claire Frazier-Yzaguirre, MFT, MDiv, con la que ha escrito el libro “Casados y Felices.” Dr. Yzaguirre ha ofrecido sus conferencias en congresos nacionales e internacionales en Estados Unidos, México, Canadá, Europa y Australia. Además de su práctica privada en Irvine, California, también ofrece programas de formación sobre vida familiar en numerosas diócesis y parroquias de Estados Unidos.



8-51 SER CATEQUISTA HOY ¿UN PROYECTO SOBRENATURAL? 🔊

Rev. Ruben Francisco Bellante

Hay un hábito bueno que podría ayudarte a mirar tus proyectos dentro del proyecto más grande de Dios. Se trata de detenerte a consultar a Dios cada vez que tengas que tomar una decisión importante. Detenerte: esta es la clave para alcanzar un bienestar personal aun en medio de las dificultades. En este taller te ayudaremos a redimensionar contemplativamente tu ser y quehacer cotidiano.

8-52 JESUCRISTO: CENTRO DEL ACONTECIMIENTO GUADALUPANO 🔊

Canónigo Dr. Eduardo Chávez

El centro de la imagen y del mensaje de la Virgen de Guadalupe es su Hijo Jesucristo, nuestro Señor. Santa María de Guadalupe es la mujer de advenimiento, es la mujer que gracias a su fe es una mujer de espera. Ella está en cinta, es por ello que el centro de su imagen es Jesucristo, que lleva en su inmaculado vientre. Todo el mensaje de la Virgen es llevarnos, guiarnos, iluminarnos el sendero para llegar a Aquel que es el Camino, la Verdad y la Vida. Ella lo dice claramente en el mensaje, “Quiero una casita sagrada para ofrecer mi amor-personal.” Es ahí en el centro de su templo donde se da el ofrecimiento, el sacrificio máximo del amor: la Eucaristía. En todo el Evento o Acontecimiento Guadalupano el centro es Jesucristo, es Ella quien nos dice, “Hagan lo que Él les diga.”

8-53 LA NUEVA EVANGELIZACIÓN: ENSEÑAR EL ARTE DE VIVIR 🔊

Alejandro Crosthwaite, OP

La vida humana no se realiza por sí misma. Nuestra vida es una cuestión abierta, un proyecto incompleto, que es preciso seguir realizando. Las preguntas fundamentales de todo ser humano son: ¿cómo se lleva a cabo este proyecto de realización del ser humano? ¿Cómo se aprende el arte de vivir? ¿Cuál es el camino que lleva a la felicidad? Este taller busca dar respuesta a estos interrogantes de la humanidad presentando la Nueva Evangelización como el acto de enseñar a la humanidad el arte de vivir.

8-54 ¿UN JOB PACIENTE? 🔊

Marta García Fernández

El sufrimiento es tan antiguo como la misma humanidad que inevitablemente afecta nuestra relación con el Trascendente. Aunque estamos acostumbrados a hablar de un Job paciente, la realidad es que esa paciencia solo le dura en los dos primeros capítulos. En los restantes curules, Job aparece desgarrado por una crisis atroz: “Job el edomita grita pidiendo sentido. ... Pide a Dios que se dé sentido a Sí mismo.” El creyente, como Job, debe de posi-

cionarse ante el silencio de Dios frente al sufrimiento del inocente. Como Job, el lector es también llamado a “poner en crisis sus creencias y convicciones.” Y aunque el libro de Job da al final una respuesta, no da una solución.

8-55 DESPUÉS DE LOS 40... 🔊

Gloria Cecilia Grimaldo

¿Qué sucede en nuestros cuerpos a nivel biológico después de los 40 años? ¿Hay aridez o alegría en mi campo afectivo? ¿Puedo evaluar de frente mis enamoramientos? ¿Cómo me percibo frente a mis necesidades? ¿Existe realmente una crisis emocional en esta etapa de nuestras vidas? ¿O crisis existencial? Planteamos preguntas como llaves que puedan abrir las cerraduras de nuestro mundo afectivo-sexual. Preguntas que nos pueden mover a la búsqueda de respuestas que sustenten nuestros amores.

8-56 LA ESCUELA NATURAL DE LA PALABRA DE DIOS: EL AÑO LITÚRGICO 🔊

Hernán Jorge Pereda Bullrich

El origen de la visión del tiempo y el modo de calcularlo, está a la base de la vida y de todo conocimiento. Desde los orígenes, el pueblo bíblico vivió a través de sus fiestas los acontecimientos de su fe y de su historia. El mismo camino vive el pueblo cristiano por la sorprendente, aunque desconocida pedagogía vinculada a la forma de la transmisión del mensaje bíblico. Desconocer estos elementos, hace de la liturgia algo rutinario, aburrido e incomprensible. Partiendo de una visión cósmica los participantes podrán descubrir y fascinarse por la importancia que tiene vincular toda la vida, inclusive la de nuestra fe, a la naturaleza del mundo y de los procesos que dan sentido, no solo a las fiestas, eminentemente la de Pascua, sino también al mensaje bíblico a través de sus textos y su orden natural.

8-57 ENFERMEDADES DE TRANSMISIÓN SEXUAL 🔊

Dr. Carlos Yeomans Reyna

Existe un ambiente recio de promiscuidad entre los humanos que ha traído consigo las enfermedades de transmisión sexual más letales de la historia, solo la monogamia garantiza el exterminio de dichas enfermedades en un entendimiento puro y perdurable de la unión sexual al servicio del amor.

8-58 RESILIENCIA: ME ESTOY MURIENDO Y LE CANTO A LA VIDA 🔊

Luigi Zanotto

Vivo un momento de realismo despiadado: callan las ilusiones, los sueños, las esperanzas fáciles; llegan momentos de depresión. Fe y ganas de vivir en la desesperación. Buena noticia: sal de tu tumba y camina. El arte de saborear la vida mientras me ahogo.

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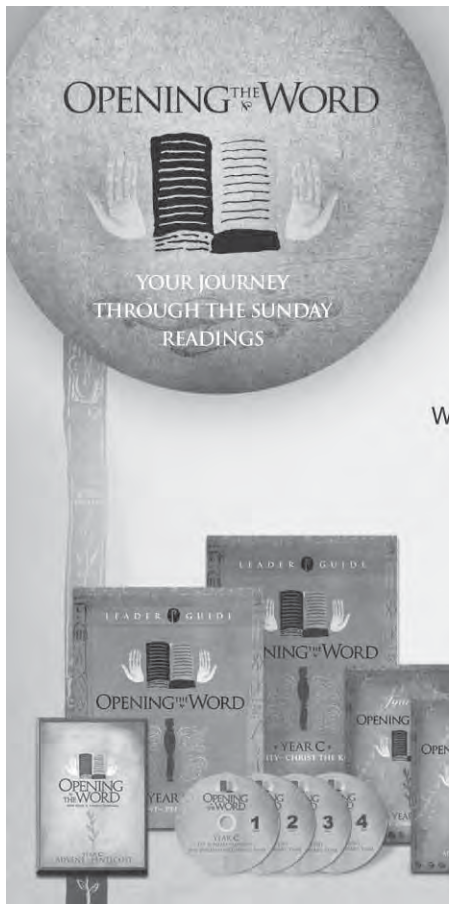
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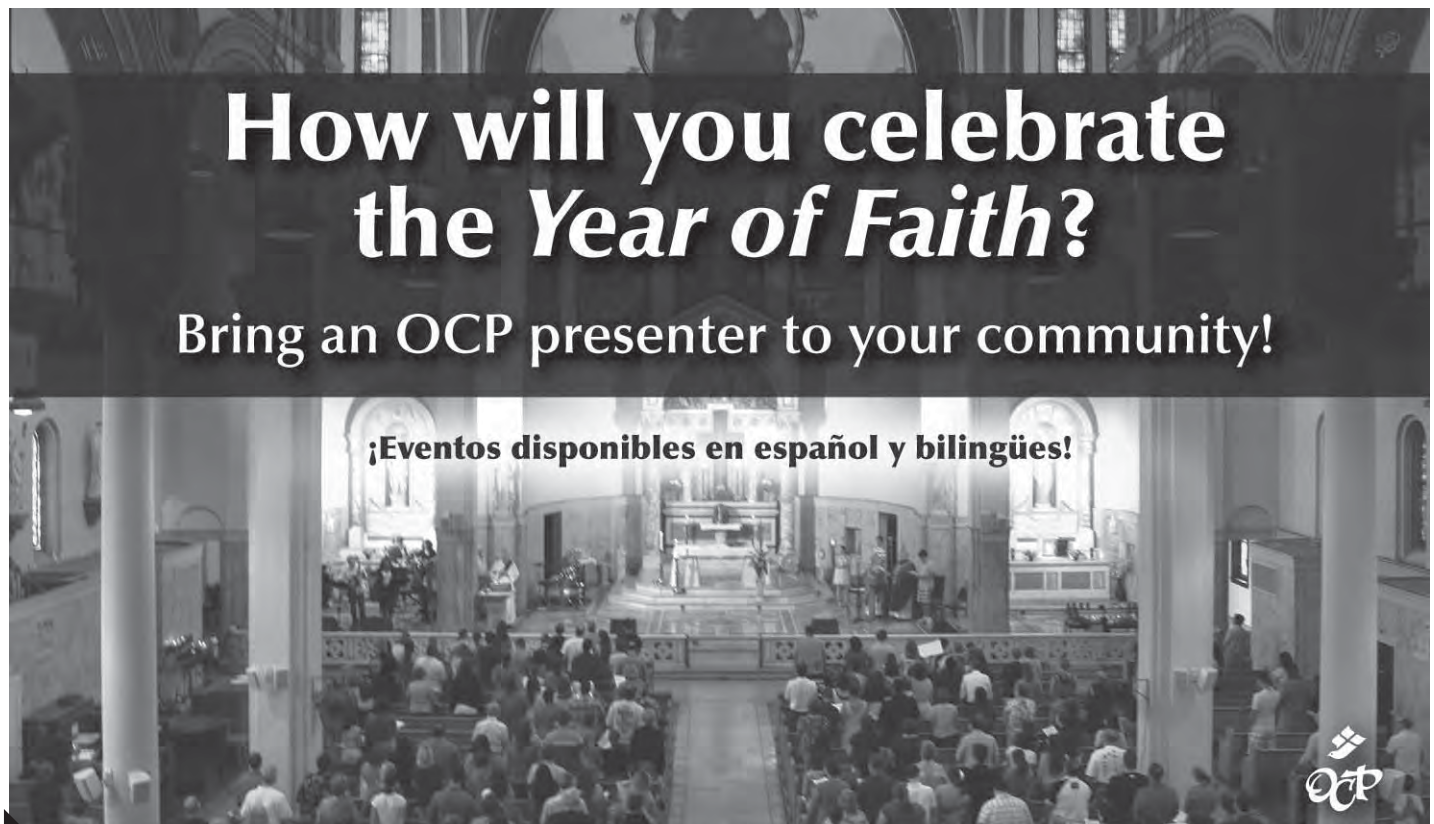
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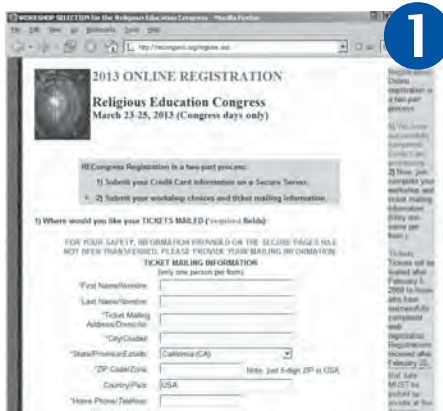
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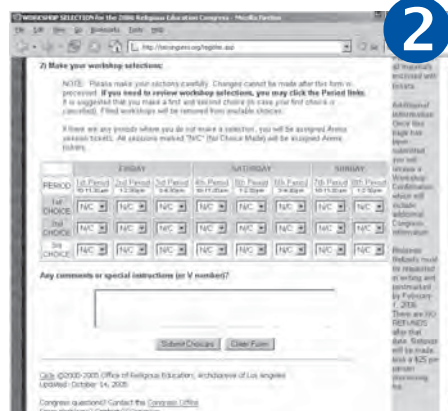
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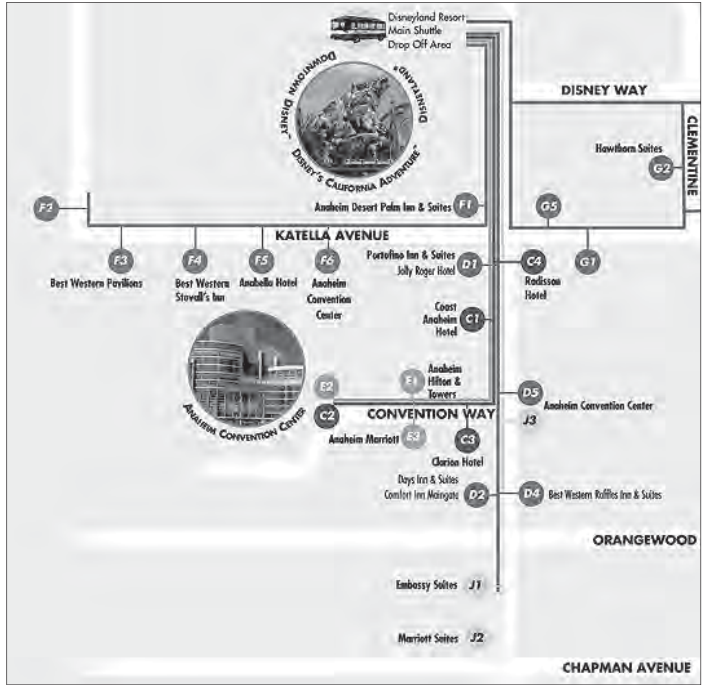
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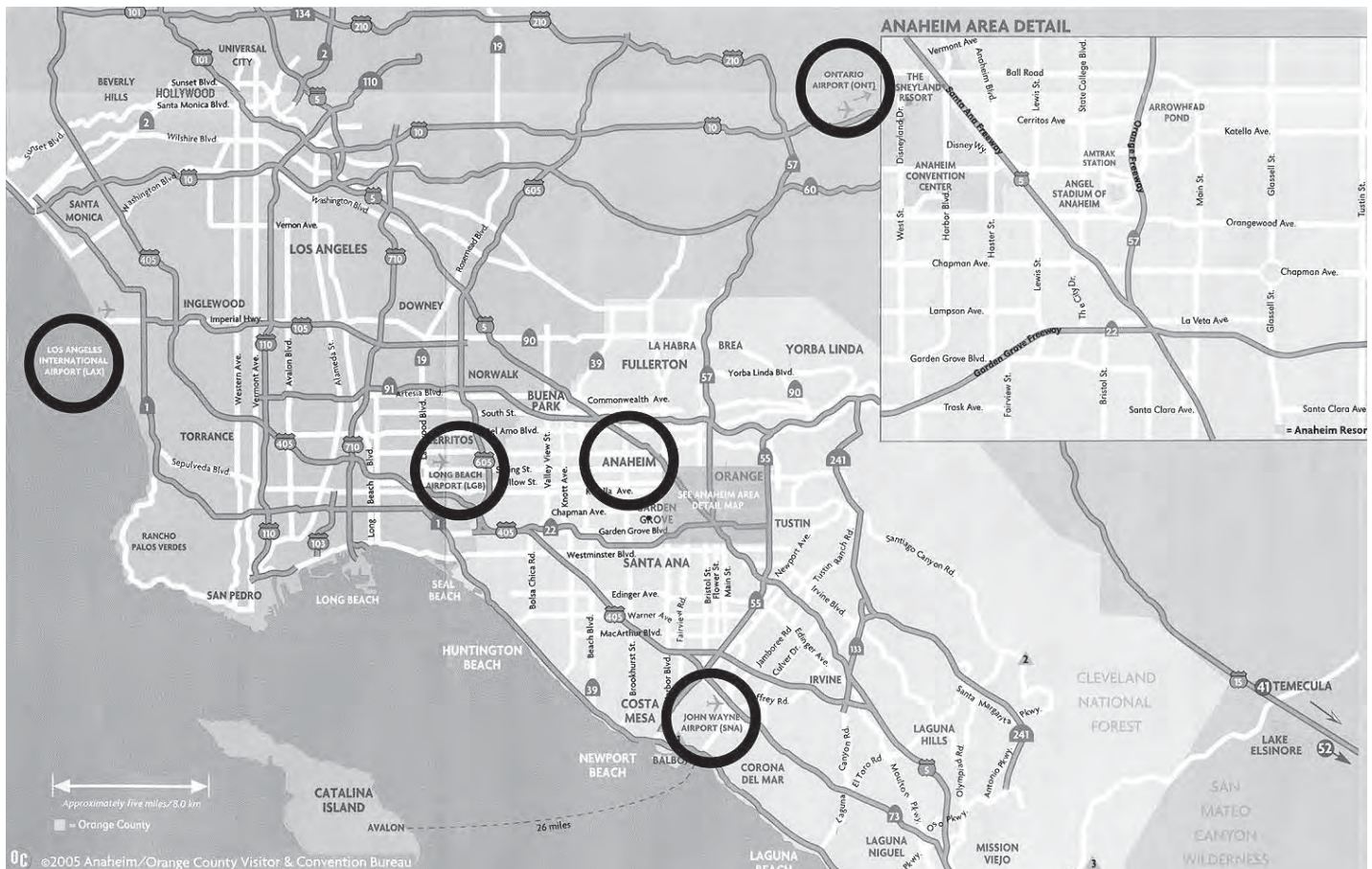
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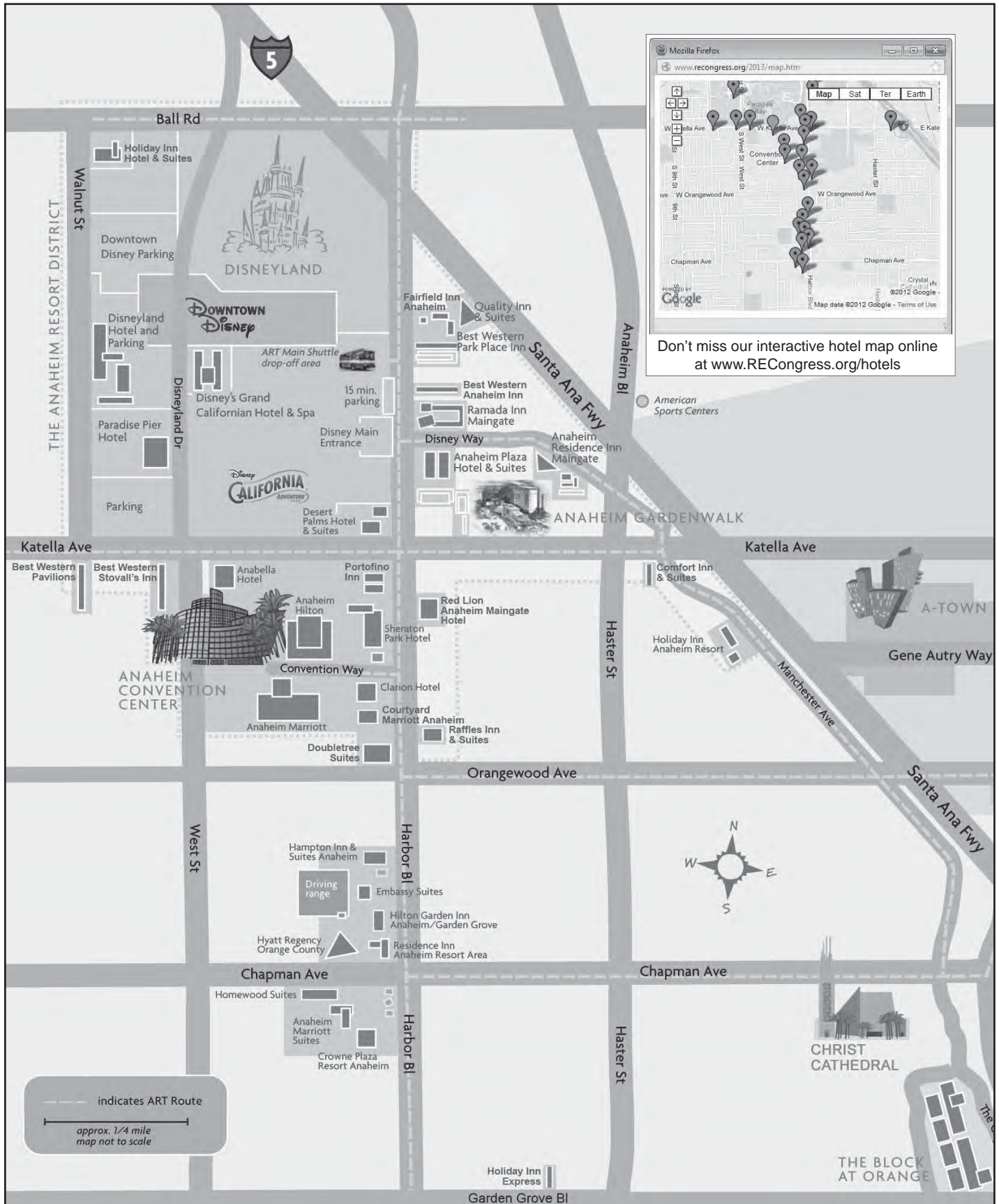
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RED LION HOTEL 1850 S Harbor Blvd	(714) 750-2801	\$139.95	\$139.95	\$149.95	\$149.95	Available	4:00 pm	\$10 parking; 20% off food/ rate good through Jan. 28
RESIDENCE INN ANAHEIM 11931 Harbor Blvd, Garden Grove 92840	(714) 591-4000		\$119 / \$139		\$119 / \$139	All Suites	4:00 pm	Rate good through Jan. 31, 2013
SHERATON PARK HOTEL 1855 S Harbor Blvd	(714) 750-1811		\$143 / \$199		\$143 / \$199	Available	4:00 pm	\$16 parking; rate good through Jan. 20, 2013
STOVALLS INN (Best Western) 1110 W Katella Ave	(714) 778-1880	\$108	\$108				4:00 pm	Rate good through Feb. 1, 2013

*Note for Embassy Suites South: \$144 rate up to 4 people; \$164 rate up to 5 people; \$184 rate up to 6 people
Check online for additional notes and updates

It's time to book your Airline Tickets for the

2013 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS

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FAX: 310-552-2622

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FAX FORM FOR THE 2013 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS

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City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Fax Number: _____ Cell Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Credit Card Number: _____ Exp.: _____

City of Departure: _____ or Airport of Departure: _____

Date of Departure: _____ Time: _____ AM or PM

Date of Return: _____ Time: _____ AM or PM

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CREDIT CARD HOLDER'S AUTHORIZATION:

In lieu of my credit card imprint, I, _____, hereby authorize EXECUTOURS TRAVEL SERVICE to charge any transactions requested by me via telephone, fax or e-mail to my credit card listed above.

Date

Signature of Cardholder

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LMU|LA Extension

Earn extension semester hours and receive a transcript from Loyola Marymount University for attending the

2013 Religious Education Congress

“Enter the Mystery” / “*Entra al Misterio*”

February 22-24, 2013

In cooperation with the Office of Religious Education at the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY offers the opportunity to earn professional development (continuing education) credit for attending the Religious Education Congress, with two options:

To earn 1.0 unit (10 hours over two days):

- attend any **six** workshops (including keynote addresses) and at least **one** major liturgy;
- write a **1-2 page** reflection paper integrating what you learned at the presentations.
- registration fee: **\$60**

To earn 1.5 units (15 hours over three days):

- attend any **eight** workshops (including keynote addresses) and at least **two** major liturgies;
- write a **2-3 page** reflection paper integrating what you learned at the presentations.
- registration fee: **\$90**

❖ **To register**, fill out the form below, and either FAX it or mail it to the address below.

- You can also register by phone (310-338-2799) or online (<http://extension.lmu.edu/religion>).
- You can also register, at Congress; just come by the LMU Booth in the Exhibit Hall.

❖ **To receive credit**, submit your paper (typed, double-spaced), along with a list of all the sessions you attended, on or before **March 11, 2013** (two weeks after Congress).

- Send your materials by **e-mail** (CRS@lmu.edu), or **FAX** (310-338-2706), or **regular mail** to:
Center for Religion & Spirituality, 1 LMU Drive, Suite 1863, Los Angeles, CA 90045-2659

REGISTRATION FORM – LMU EXTENSION

RELX 870.01 / CRN 80487 – R.E. CONGRESS: Two Days (1.0 unit for \$60)

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FULL NAME _____
Title First Middle Last Suffix

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

Social Security # _____ Date of Birth _____
(Optional)

VISA or MasterCard # _____ CCV# _____ Exp. Date _____

Please submit this form along with the appropriate registration fee on or before **March 11, 2013**.
 Make checks payable to “Loyola Marymount University,” or give credit card information above.

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CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR PASTORAL / CATECHETICAL MINISTRY

Mount St. Mary's College offers you one *Continuing Education Unit (C.E.U.)* for attending workshops and Keynotes at the 2013 Los Angeles Religious Education Congress. This C.E.U. is recorded by the American Council on Education.

EARN ONE C.E.U. BY ATTENDING SEVEN CONGRESS WORKSHOPS.*

EARN .8 C.E.U. BY ATTENDING FIVE CONGRESS WORKSHOPS.*

- a. Earn .8 C.E.U. by attending **five** workshops.
Earn 1 C.E.U. for **seven** workshops. (0001)
- b. Earn 1 C.E.U. in any of these areas by attending **four** of seven workshops in the desired area:
 - Catechist recertification (0002)
 - Hispanic Ministry certification (0003)
 - Master Catechist recertification (0004)
 - Liturgical recertification (0005)
 - High School cert./recertification (0006)
- c. To obtain one C.E.U. in any of the areas, 0002-0006, **four** of the seven workshops must be related to the desired area. (**4 of 5** for .8 C.E.U.)

1. C.E.U. credit is awarded nationally for attendance at conferences, seminars, workshops, and classes providing adult-learning experiences.
2. C.E.U. credit is used toward advancement in some professions or as proof of continuing education.
3. C.E.U. credit is processed by Mount St. Mary's College and recorded by the American Council on Education in Washington, D.C.
4. C.E.U. credit offers proof of attendance for recertification or certification credits as a religion teacher.
5. The fee for either .8 C.E.U. or 1 C.E.U. is \$35.00. (non-refundable)

*** All General Arena Keynotes (non-liturgies) also count toward workshop credit.**

For more information, contact: Sonia Rosales • (213) 477-2640 • SROSales@msmc.la.edu

Mount St. Mary's College Continuing Education for Pastoral / Catechetical Ministry Congress 2013

I wish to enroll for one Continuing Education Unit (1 C.E.U.) I understand I must attend 7 workshops at the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress to obtain this credit.

I wish to enroll for .8 Continuing Education Unit (5 C.E.U.) I understand I must attend 5 workshops at the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress to obtain this credit.

Circle one: 0001 0002 0003 0004 0005 0006

Name _____ E-mail _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ Date of Birth _____ SS# _____

Return to: Graduate Religious Studies
Mount St. Mary's College
10 Chester Place
Los Angeles, CA 90007

\$35 enclosed (Check payable to Mount St. Mary's College)
No registration will be honored without accompanying payment.

LAST DAY TO REGISTER BY MAIL: February 15, 2013

HOTEL FACILITIES/HOSPITALITY

We have always asked that everyone observe the rules and regulations of the hotels regarding food and beverages in their rooms. Hotel regulations regarding food are as follows:

1. **THE CITY OF ANAHEIM PROHIBITS THE USE OF ANY TYPE OF COOKING APPLIANCES.** This includes microwave ovens, warming ovens, toasters or any type of similar appliances.
2. **FOOD AND BEVERAGES – OTHER THAN THOSE PROVIDED BY HOTEL CATERING DEPARTMENTS – ARE FORBIDDEN IN ROOMS.** Notices will be filed with the management if anything is found in the rooms by housekeeping personnel. Hotel management will take appropriate action.

Knowing that many parishes do provide hospitality for their people, we have contacted the catering managers of all major hotels, and they have agreed to work very closely with us in providing a variety of reasonably priced food and beverages. They can also set up banquets in their meeting rooms, as well. For your convenience, we have listed the contact person at some of these facilities.

BANQUET/CATERING CONTACTS ONLY

DOUBLETREE:	Deborah Fisher	(714) 383-7020
HILTON:	Debbie Igna	(714) 740-4258
MARRIOTT:	Bernadette Chute	(714) 748-2431
SHERATON:	Kirsten Garcia	(714) 740-4174

CONVENTION CENTER POLICIES

The following regulations have been given to the Congress Office regarding policies. PLEASE, PAY ATTENTION TO THESE POLICIES, AS THEY WILL BE ENFORCED BY THE CONVENTION CENTER.

1. No camping or picnicking on the Convention Center Parking lots.
2. No free distribution or selling of food and beverages by private organizations, exhibitors or individuals.

This is a violation of the Convention Center’s contract giving exclusive rights to Aramark Food Service, Inc. and Orange County Board of Health regulations.

PARKING

The parking fee at the Anaheim Convention Center is **\$12 each time you drive in.** NO PARKING PASSES will be available, and NO OVERNIGHT PARKING is permitted. Camping and picnicking are NOT allowed.

NOTE: Cars will be ticketed if backed into designated head-in spaces. CARS WILL BE TOWED FROM RESTRICTED AREAS.

MESSAGE CENTER

If family or friends need to contact you during Congress, they may do so from **9 am to 6 pm** by phoning **(714) 765-8883 or (714) 765-8884** and leaving a message. You may also leave a message for friends you wish to contact.

WORKSHOP RECORDING

Many of the Congress workshops will be recorded by CSC Digital Media. **Individual audio/video taping is not allowed.** Further information about ordering audio CDs can be found online at www.RECongress.org/tapes.htm. An order form and contact information will be printed in the Program Book.

SERVICES FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

We will make every effort to assure that Congress 2013 is accessible to Deaf and Hard of Hearing persons. Please let us know if you have need of interpreters or Assistive Listening Devices.

We encourage you to contact the Religious Education Congress staff by February 10, 2013, at (213) 637-7348 to be sure your request has been received. The Closing Liturgy on Sunday will be interpreted. Special seating for all deaf community members is located near the front right of the Arena floor. If you would like another Mass interpreted, you may request an interpreter upon your arrival.

If you wish to add, drop or change a request AFTER you arrive, ask Interpreting Services, located just outside Congress Headquarters (AR-1), in the Arena Lobby area. While we can accommodate most requests for last-minute changes, we cannot guarantee an interpreter will be available.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

The Religious Education Congress Committee wants you to enjoy your Congress experience and offers the following options:

- It is our desire to meet the needs of all those requiring assistance. If you need an attendant to accompany you, we ask that only one attendant accompany you to workshops and other Congress events. If an attendant is to accompany you, it is important to mail your registration – along with your attendant’s – in the same envelope with a note explaining that both need to be registered in the same workshops. It is essential that you register by January 4, 2013.
- The distances between the Convention Center and surrounding hotels are quite large. However, the Convention Center has a free shuttle service to Convention Center buildings. If you would like to be scheduled for Convention Center-only workshops, please include a note with your registration card.
- **NOTE:** The Convention Center does not provide wheelchairs. Please contact Alpha Drugs Pharmacy at either of their two locations in Anaheim: 1240 S. Magnolia, (714) 220-0373; or 515 S. Beach Blvd., (714) 821-8959.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your ability to attend or enjoy RECongress due to handicap access or mobility concerns, please feel free to contact Rob Williams at RECMobility@recongress.org. RECongress’ Mobility Team will be available to help with wheelchair transport, special seating and any access issues within Congress. At Congress you can find the Mobility Team located just outside Congress Headquarters (AR-1), in the Arena Lobby area.

REGISTRATION FORM

DO . . .

1. Affix address label in designated area on Registration Form (inside back cover). If address label is not correct, fill out registration card completely. Please be sure to PRINT your Name, Address, ZIP Code, Phone Number and email.
2. Enclose correct amount in check/money order (U.S. dollars only).
3. Make checks payable to: **Religious Education Congress (REC)**.
4. Be sure to SIGN YOUR CHECK.
5. Register by credit card online at www.RECongress.org.
6. Register on site during the Congress weekend if you have not registered by February 7, 2013.

PLEASE . . .

1. **DO NOT** make copies of the Registration Form.
2. **DO NOT** register two people on one form.
3. **DO NOT** mail registrations after February 7, 2013.
4. **DO NOT** clip or staple your check to the registration form.
5. **DO NOT** expect the Congress Office to make changes in workshops after you have registered. (You may exchange tickets for any available sessions beginning at 11:30 am on Friday of Congress.)

REMEMBER

1. Registration fee: **\$65. Postmarked after January 4, 2013: \$75.**
2. Refunds are made, less a \$30 processing fee per person. Refunds must be requested in writing and postmarked by January 4, 2013. There are NO REFUNDS after this date.
3. Registrations received after **February 7** will be processed and must be picked up through Advance Pick-Up or at the Registration Booth. Tickets will only be given to the registered individual with ID.
4. **TICKETS will be mailed after JANUARY 14, 2013. Please allow two weeks for delivery. READ ALL MATERIALS THAT ARE SENT WITH TICKETS.**
5. **Replacement tickets cost: \$30.**
6. You must present a printed ticket at workshops. Photographed tickets (via smartphone, iPad or tablet) or photocopies are NOT acceptable.

ADVANCE TICKET/PROGRAM BOOK PICK-UP

Get a "jump start" on Congress and avoid the Program Book lines! Pick up your Congress Program Book and badge holder beginning Thursday, February 21, from 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm, in the Convention Center Hall A Prefunction Lobby. Please bring your program card with you!

REMINDER: Congress is an adult/young adult-ONLY religious education event. All workshops are directed to these age groups. If you must bring your child(ren), they MUST be registered and they must accompany you. We ask that they be your sole responsibility so they do not disturb the other delegates.

LA FORMA DE INSCRIPCIÓN

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1. Pegue la etiqueta con su dirección en la sección designada. Si la dirección no está correcta, favor de llenar la forma de inscripción totalmente. Por favor incluya su Nombre, Dirección, Zona Postal y número de teléfono.
2. Adjunte la cantidad correcta de dinero (U.S.).
3. Haga su cheque pagadero a: **Religious Education Congress (REC)**.
4. FIRME SU CHEQUE.
5. Se aceptan tarjetas de crédito en línea en www.RECongress.org
6. Si para el 7 de febrero de 2013 no ha enviado su registro, puede hacerlo personalmente durante el fin de semana del Congreso.

POR FAVOR . . .

1. **NO** reproduzca la tarjeta de inscripción.
2. **NO** inscriba a dos personas en una tarjeta.
3. **NO** envíe su inscripción después del 7 de febrero, 2013.
4. **NO** asegure ni engrape su cheque a la tarjeta de inscripción.
5. **NO** espere que la Oficina del Congreso le cambie los talleres después de inscribirse. (Podrá cambiar sus boletos por otra sesión con cupo, el viernes después de los 11:30 am el día de Congreso.)

RECUERDE

1. **LA CUOTA ES \$65 (U.S.). Después del 4 de enero, 2013 será \$75.**
2. No habrá devolución de cuota después del 4 de enero, 2013. Se cobrarán \$30, por persona, si cancela su inscripción. (Para pedir reembolso es necesario hacerlo por escrito por la fecha.)
3. Si recibimos su forma de inscripción después del **7 de febrero**, se procesará pero usted no recibirá los boletos por correo. Los boletos se le entregaran solamente a la persona que se registró y necesitará presentar identificación en el Centro de Convenciones.
4. **LOS BOLETOS se enviarán por correo después del 14 de enero, 2013. Por favor espere 2 semanas para recibirlos. LEA TODO EL MATERIAL QUE SE LE ENVIA con los boletos, y recoja su libro de programa en la casilla de programas.**
5. **El costo para reemplazar boletos es de \$30.**
3. Debera enseñar un boleto para entrar a los talleres. Boleto fotografados (smartphone, iPad o tablet) y/o fotocopiados NO son aceptables.

RECOJA SU LIBRO DE PROGRAMA

Evite las largas líneas y recoja su libro a partir del día jueves 21 de febrero, por la noche desde las 6:30 pm hasta las 8:30 pm en la área de la Prefunciones del Centro de Convenciones.

El Congreso es un evento de educación religiosa para adultos/jóvenes adultos SOLAMENTE. Todos los talleres son dirigidos a estos grupos. Si usted debe traer a su niño/s, ellos deben ser registrados y deben estar acompañados. Le pedimos hacerse responsable de ellos para evitar distracciones a otros delegados.

REQUEST FORM FOR SERVICES FOR DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING PERSONS

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Please fill out and include this form along with your registration.

SERVICES

What services do you need? Sign Interpreter Oral Interpreter Deaf/Blind Interpreter ALD

WORKSHOPS

I plan on attending the following periods (circle all that apply): FRI: 1 2 3 SAT: 4 5 6 SUN: 7 8

Name: _____ City/State: _____

Email: _____ Cell/Phone: _____

CHANGING REQUESTS

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